

**Town of Vernon
Hockanum River Linear Park Committee**

Special Meeting

DRAFT Minutes – February 10, 2016

(Note: February 5 meeting cancelled due to storm; rescheduled to February 10, 2016)

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Present: Members: Ginny Gingras, Joe King, George Arthur, Ann Letendre

Meeting at 120 South St, Lottie Fisk Building.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Ann Letendre.

1. Old Business – Integration of HRLP Master Plan into proposed development on the Lyman Farm.

The HRLP Committee reviewed the site plan and stipulations that Talbot Partners agree to in their proposed development of the Lyman Farm, called Trail Run. The plan meets the HRLP Master Plan details for the area. The development plan is for a mixed use - apartments, with retail fronting on Rt 83. Talbot will put a conservation easement on the land abutting the river and encompassing the wetlands, about 10 acres in total. This is about the acreage that is listed on the Vernon Open Space Plan for the site. The development project provides for parking for the trails (9 spaces); trail access and construction for the section of the trail from the Lyman bridge to the abutting Town owned parcel. Stormwater runoff plans direct all runoff back into the ground, no water directly enters the river. The plan meets goals of the HRLP Master Plan for the site, as well as the Vernon Open Space Plan, and clean water goals of not directing stormwater runoff directly into the river. The Committee was pleased with the design and felt it respected the environmental sensitivity of the river riparian area and the wetlands on the site.

In light of the positives of the site plan cited above, a motion was made for the HRLP Committee to support the development proposal and draft a statement to submit at the public hearing scheduled for February 18th. Motion by Joe, second by George, unanimous vote. Ann will draft a statement and send it to the Committee for approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Letendre