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Special Meeting of Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) Committee
of the Vernon Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC)
Thursday June 2, 2016 7:30 p.m.

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Committee Members Present: Committee Chairman Wes Shorts, Susan Reudgen, Roland K
Other Members Present: Charles Bardes, PZC Chairman
Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner

The Committee reviewed the relevant sections of the State Conservation & Development Policies Plan 2013-2018 and the Vernon POCD, effective January 20, 2012, for consistency. The members discussed the following:

- The six Growth Management Principles in the State Plan as they relate to the vision and strategies in the components of our Plan
- The State Plan's Locational Guide Map for the Vernon area against our Plan's Future Land Use Map
- The section of the State Plan that deals with its applicability when assessing State funding for local projects and "growth related projects"

The Committee agreed that our POCD is consistent with the State Plan. The Committee noted that the State Plan affirms that there is enough flexibility and diversity in State agency-administered programs to fund projects that are supported by the municipal (Vernon) POCD and that the State Plan does not supersede the municipal (Vernon) POCD. Staff commented that the State made a concerted effort to involve regional and municipal Planning staff in the preparation of the State Plan for "cross-acceptance".

There was consensus that the Committee members would continue to maintain a record of any significant changes in the conditions of the Town and any needed language revisions for the next update of the POCD Plan. The State statutes require an update of the POCD every 10 years, which includes documentation of changes in demographics, land uses, policies and goals.

Members also reviewed the Implementation Overview in the Implementation Element of the POCD. The Overview summarizes the various uses of the POCD for guiding development, such as zoning and subdivision regulations, application reviews, referral of municipal improvements, etc.

Committee Chairman Shorts will report to the PZC at its next meeting.