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**Special Meeting of Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) Committee
of the Vernon Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC)**

Thursday May 4, 2017 8:00 p.m.

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

The Committee discussed consistency between the State Conservation & Development Policies Plan 2013-2018 and the Vernon POCD. The Committee agreed that the Vernon POCD is still valid and is consistent with the State Plan.

Commissioner Klee and staff informed the Committee that they attended the State Plan of C&D Workshop in December 2016 where the State Office of Policy & Management (OPM) explained the mandated process for updating the State Plan of C&D, which is required every 5 years. OPM has prepared an initial draft of the 2018-2023 State Plan of C&D for the Legislative Committee and the draft has minimal changes. The Location Guide Map and Priority Funding Areas remain the same. OPM is tentatively scheduled to conduct formal public hearings to solicit comments from March – August 2017 and towns will be notified of the hearing schedule when it is finalized. The schedule has not been finalized so far.

Members also discussed the Implementation Overview of the Vernon POCD, and the next update in 2022. The Committee discussed having a meeting next year with relevant boards and commissions to get information on its use, progress and challenges.

Commissioner Shorts moved to have Committee members do a full review of the POCD and let him know if there needs to be another meeting, and await the State Plan of C&D update next year. Commissioner Reudgen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Submitted by Marina Rodriguez