

# Natural Resources Committee

## DRAFT Minutes

*Dec 9, 2015*

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**Committee Members:** Barrie Bailey, Nick Causton, Colin Davis, Peter Grant, Stan Grzyb, Wendy Sue Harper (Chair), Arabella Holzpfel, Ed Payne, Mark Pumiglia, Paul Wagner, Kent Wright

**Present:** Nick Causton, Wendy Sue Harper, Arabella Holzpfel, Ed Payne, Paul Wagner

**Staff:** Kevin Behm

**Guest:**

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Wendy Sue opened the meeting at 6:10. The October 14th minutes were approved. (Stan motion, Nick 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Wendy Sue began discussion on the revisions to the Significant Land Resource Map that had been provided to the Plan Re-Write Committee. The Re-Write Committee had acknowledged all the revisions except the reference to 'kame terraces' in the legend. Wendy Sue noted that pointing out the extent of 'kame terraces' was a request by Salisbury and the NRC had accommodated the request by adding the legend text alongside 'potential sand and gravel' to note that much of the likely sand and gravel in the county was the result of glacial kame terrace deposits. The Re-Write Com correctly observed that 'kame terraces' were not discussed in the text of the plan. The NRC considered elaborating on the amount of overlap between the mapped sand and gravel and kame terraces, but finally decided to strike the text from the legend and to revisit the issue when the entire Natural Resource Section was under review. The members were all in agreement and reported to the Re-Write Committee to strike the legend text.

Kevin reported that the Commission had received funding to assist in implementation of the VT Clean Water Act last year. The funds are primarily directed at education and planning assistance to municipalities regarding water quality impacts of roads, stormwater and other land development. A portion of the funds will be provided to the Addison County River Watch Collaborative to work with municipalities as well. One task will entail the review and prioritization of water quality projects identified in the Otter Creek Basin Plan. Kevin said that there may be a role for the NRC to prioritize projects on a regional scale similar to how the Transportation Advisory Committee ranks all county projects. This idea will be discussed with the ANR Otter Creek Basin Planner.

The Committee adjourned at 7:15.