DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 2018
TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT
DOCUMENTS: Minutes, documents, and presentations discussed accessible at: http://www.ccrpcvt.org/meetings/clean-water-advisory-committee/

Committee Members in Attendance

| Bolton:                | Hinesburg: Merrily Lovell (arr. 11:08 a.m.) | St. George: |
| Buels Gore:           | Huntington: Darlene Palola                  | Underhill: Brian Bigelow |
| Burlington: Jenna Olson | Jericho:                                  | Westford: |
| Charlotte:            | Milton: Lindsey Beaudoin                    | Williston: James Sherrard |
| Colchester: Warner Rackley | Richmond: Geoff Urbanik                   | Winooski: Tim Grover |
| Essex: Annie Costandi, Co-Chair | Shelburne: Chris Robinson       | VAOT: Jennifer Callahan |
| Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo | South Burlington: Tom DiPietro   | VNR: Christy Witters |
| Burlington Airport:   | University of VT: Lani Ravin (arr. 11:10 a.m.) | CCRPC Board: Don Meals, Co-Chair |

Other Attendees: VTDEC: Jim Pease

CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Charles Baker

1. Welcome: Chelsea Mandigo called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Changes to the Agenda – none

3. Review and action on draft minutes of December 6, 2017

   After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, Don Meals made a motion, seconded by James Sherrard to approve the December 5, 2017 minutes with corrections as follows: Jennifer Callahan was not at the meeting. MOTION PASSED.

4. Finalize CCRPC legislative talking points on Act 73/Clean Water funding prior to adoption by CCRPC Board

   Charlie Baker walked the Committee through the latest draft which he had circulated via email earlier this morning. Charlie and the committee worked through and made various edits to the points, including but not limited to the following sections: by strengthening the language describing percentage of municipal budgets allocated to Operations & Maintenance; #4- Project Development; #9- Management and #12-Statewide collection and also made various grammatical edits to #11. Members then began to discuss how the various water authority bills might impact the recommendations contained in the talking points as well as the timetable for TMDL implementation and permit issuances.

5. Review draft Clean Water Authority bill

   Albrecht walked through notable sections of the bill which was formally filed as S-260. Sections of the bill are outlined in the memo posted on the Committee’s page. He highlighted that the purpose of the financing plan, to be developed by the proposed Vermont Clean Water Authority is to obtain the funds necessary to achieve compliance with TMDLs, Act 64, and CSO Overflow Rules. The bill sets an initial $40 parcel fee which would eventually vary for each parcel after further analysis of size, location, impervious surface, etc. Fees collected would go into the Vermont Clean Water Fund which the Authority would then use to provide grants or awards based upon a prioritization scheme projects. Members noted the House companion bill is H.564.

   Urbanik expressed concerns on how funds would eventually be disbursed noting that many rural towns may not have projects ready to go and that therefore most of the funds collected would go towards urban areas. Baker acknowledged that areas such as the Northeast Kingdom would have relatively few projects especially since there is no formal Connecticut River TMDL.
10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht