

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
 CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – **APPROVED MINUTES**

DATE: **Tuesday, February 2, 2016**
 TIME: 10:45 a.m. to 11:57 a.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: Trevor Lashua	St. George:
Buels Gore	Huntington: Barbara Elliot	Underhill: Brian Bigelow
Burlington: Megan Moir	Jericho: Katherine Sonnck	Westford: Dave Tilton (10:55)
Charlotte: Jeannine McCrumb	Milton:	Williston: James Sherrard
Colchester:	Richmond	Winooski: John Choate
Essex: Annie Costandi	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo, Jim Jutras	South Burlington: Tom Dipietro	VANR: Christy Witter
Burlington Airport:	University of Vermont: Lani Ravin (11:05)	CCRPC Board: Don Meals
Other Attendees: Karen Bates, ANR; Danielle Owczarski, ANR; Jim Pease, ANR		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht; Regina Mahony; Emily Nosse-Leirer; Eleni Churchill; Jason Charest; Christine Forde; Peter Keating; Bryan Davis; Marshall Distel		

1. Welcome The meeting commenced at 10:45 a.m. No changes were made to the agenda.

2. Update by Karen Bates on Winooski River Tactical Basin Plan implementation: monitoring and assessment work in Chittenden County

Karen first presented the overall status of the Plan. The most recent plan was adopted in 2012. In 2017 DEC will begin drafting an update to the Plan again and then by 2018 DEC will have a draft or final plan completed. DEC is conducted bio-monitoring in 2015 with results anticipated this spring. Various water quality monitoring efforts by the following volunteer groups is ongoing: Friends of the Winooski River, Friends of the Huntington River and the Chittenden County Stream Team.

Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination (IDDE) studies have been conducted in Richmond and Jericho. With regards to IDDE, Megan Moir asking for a central website of messaging so they can send IDDE folks to a place to understand what the challenges and responsibilities are of the municipality. Other members noted that there needs to be more clarification by DEC on what discharges need to be reported and more clarity to the public and to the media on what is a harmful discharge.

Stormwater master planning has been conducted in the MS-4 towns but is still needed in the rural towns. Culvert and bridge replacement projects will be assessed on the basis of geomorphic and fluvial erosion hazard data.

Considerable discussion ensued over how to track implementation of the Plan, how projects would be prioritized, how projects would be “scored” both in terms of funding and in terms of phosphorus reduction and if there would be a standardized calculation of “P-removed” for each type of project. Members representing the MS-4 towns noted that they are working right now on the Flow Restoration Plans for their impaired streams (the plans are due in October) and they don’t want to have to go back and re-prioritize. They would like to have these conversations with DEC earlier than later so they can incorporate everything that they’ll ultimately be responsible for. They stated that they could add in some other things like sediment reduction, water quality and phosphorus if they know now but that never was the original purpose of the FRPs and first and foremost flow must be dealt with. Lashua asked how all the pieces fit together in terms of timelines, requirements, etc. Coming from a smaller town without resources, they will need guidance.

1 **3. Update by Danielle Owczarski, Lamoille River Tactical Basin Plan: outreach/plan update process for**
2 **Chittenden County**

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4 Danielle first presented the overall status of the Plan. The most recent plan was adopted in 2009. She
5 transitioned relatively recently to Basin Planning and therefore her work will be compressed into 2016. The
6 old Plan was more general and actions were mostly watershed-wide. The new Plan will be organized on the
7 basis of 3 areas, with the Cambridge to Colchester section encompassing the drainage's Chittenden County
8 towns of Westford, Jericho, Underhill, Essex and Milton along with small portions of Colchester and Bolton.
9 The focus of this Plan will be geared towards implementation of the TMDL. Danielle then presented a timeline
10 showing her responsibilities and those of the CCRPC which are spelled out in its contract with DEC. Right
11 now, she is meeting frequently with agency staff to gather information on key intervention areas. In June and
12 July, CCRPC will work to summarize municipal input on the plan. A formal public meeting, coincident with a
13 full RPC meeting, would be held in September or October along with a public forum in October.

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15 Discussion then focused on ANRs "Stage Gate" process for determining if projects are ready for ERP funding
16 consideration and how it fit in with ANR's water quality models and other project tracking efforts. With
17 regards to the new Lamoille TBP, it was noted that its Implementation Table would be an online database and
18 less of a static list of projects.

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21 **4. Other Items**

22 Dan noted that the agenda indicated the CWAC would select a co-chair. He noted as well the need to review
23 and approve the minutes of the November 5 and December 1 meetings. The Committee indicated that these
24 items should be scheduled for the next meeting.

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26 **5. Adjournment**

27 The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

28 *Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht*