

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

DATE: **Tuesday, March 8, 2017**
 TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 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: Deb Shelby	Hinesburg:	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill:
Burlington:	Jericho:	Westford: Dave Tilton
Charlotte:	Milton: Jacob Hemmerick (arr. 11:50)	Williston: James Sherrard
Colchester:	Richmond:	Winooski: John Choate; Tim Grover
Essex: Annie Costandi	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT:
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Tom DiPietro	VANR:
Burlington Airport:	University of VT: Lani Ravin	CCRPC Board:
Other Attendees: VT-DEC: Jim Pease; VTrans: Sue Scribner; WRCD – Corrina Parnapy		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht; Charlie Baker; Regina Mahony		

1. Welcome: Chelsea Mandigo called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. No changes were made to the agenda.

2. Review and action on draft minutes of February 7, 2017 (Action):

After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, *James Sherrard made a motion, seconded by John Choate to approve the February 7, 2017 minutes. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED.*

3. Comment on CCRPC letter regarding initial framework for MRGP for action by CCRPC Board

Charlie Baker walked through the draft comments, and provided feedback received earlier in the morning from the TAC. The CWAC provided additional recommendations and edits to the following individual sections of the comment letter: Class 4 roads, outfalls outside of the ROW, and annual fees. Tom suggested that DEC should set a lower rate that is going to cover the cost for DEC to administer this program, but nothing more. We don't believe it is going to cost DEC \$500,000 to administer this program. Deb Shelby suggested that perhaps \$1,000 would raise enough that was needed. There appears to be consensus that the cost of the fee should be tied to the cost of the program, and provide options for determining the fee: tied to impervious surface, connected road segments, etc. The TAC offered a comment that municipalities who complete all of their work earlier than 20 years will not need to continue to pay the annual fee. The CWAC agreed to a recommendation that would incentivize a municipality for implementing their required improvements sooner than later. The TAC offered an option to allow the State to seek credit from EPA for previous work over the last ten years, at the option of a municipality to offer the projects that have been done. Are there coefficients in place that can be applied to determine the phosphorus reduction from these earlier permits?

Motion by John Choate, seconded by Chris Robinson, to allow CCRPC to amend the comments as discussed today and recommend them to the CCRPC Board. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED. Lani Ravin representing UVM abstained.

4. Potential WQ/SW funding for municipalities: VTRANS-Municipal Assistance Bureau

Sue Scribner provided an overview of VTrans' proposal to shift FHWA Transportation Alternative programs to stormwater mitigation for municipal highways for two years. This program has not previously been available to municipalities. Municipal Mitigation Assistance Program is where the Better Roads program resides. VTrans' is also recommending additional funding in this program from the Surface Transportation

1 Block Grant Program funds (STBG). This will result in a big uptick in funding and we really hope the
2 municipalities take advantage of it. The federal funds need to be distributed in a separate program from the
3 state funding. They recommend a low end of a project of \$250,000 for the federal funds due to the complex
4 process associated with these funds. Federal Highway has questioned the eligibility of some of the projects
5 that were awarded last year, and have found that there needs to be a clear nexus because runoff from roads.
6 Sue Scribner asked the municipalities for input on what they might need these funds for so they can work it out
7 with Federal Highway beforehand.
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9 James Sherrard described the situation in Williston where FHWA funds could only be used for public
10 highway, and not the private runoff while this runoff is co-mingled. At some point they may have had to
11 undersize the design to only accommodate the public highway runoff, and potentially build a separate private
12 system. Sue Scribner indicated that they had follow-up conversations where they wouldn't recommend
13 undersizing or two separate systems in the future; but they will only be able to cover a percentage associated
14 with the public highway runoff.
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16 Send Sue Scribner or her team any other concepts or questions for worthwhile projects. Darlene asked about
17 parking lots; only park-n-rides are eligible. They no longer fund design with federal funds, because they
18 require it to be paid back if the design doesn't get implemented – unless the design is combined with the
19 construction grant. Charlie Baker asked if there is still a need for project development money, before you are
20 ready to apply for construction? Jim Pease asked about municipalities that are redoing their streetscape if
21 stormwater management is included? Also can you treat more than just the VTrans' ROW to install a holistic
22 system. The CWAC thanked Sue Scribner for attending.
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24 **5. Items for April meeting agenda**

- 25 • Potentially a more official MRGP draft may be out by then.
- 26 • Potential Winooski Tactical Basin Plan topic.

27 **6. Adjournment**

28 The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.
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Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony & Dan Albrecht