

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

DATE: **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**
 TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 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:	Underhill: Brian Bigelow
Burlington: Megan Moir (arr. 11:10)	Jericho: Katherine Sonnick	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton:	Williston: James Sherrard
Colchester:	Richmond:	Winooski: John Choate
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: Don Meals
Other Attendees: VT-DEC: Jim Pease		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht; Regina Mahony; Charlie Baker		

1. Welcome: Don Meals 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 August 2, 2016:

Tom DiPietro made a motion, seconded by Brian Bigelow to approve the August 2, 2016 minutes. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED.

3. Initial review of elements of Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan Implementation Summary table:

Charlie Baker provided an overview of where we are with “prioritizing” the draft Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan projects. He explained the difficulty in prioritizing projects when the Plan doesn’t include very many discreet projects, and little to no data that would be necessary to prioritize projects. Therefore, we may be better off prioritizing problem areas at this stage, and ask for funding to help scope implementation projects. Jim Pease indicated that MS4 Towns are not eligible for scoping as it stands in the current RFP. We understand the Lamoille TBP implementation table to be the DEC priority problem locations, but no level of prioritization within the list. Charlie Baker indicated that the original intent was to prioritize projects based on the most bang for the buck, but the implementation list of projects in the draft Basin Plan is not a list of design solutions so they can’t be prioritized in that way. One tool that we can use to prioritize problem areas is the HUC12 phosphorus modeling maps (so far we only have the road source map and this was handed out). Megan Moir asked if people have shovel ready projects? They still have a lot of planning to do to figure out which is the most bang for the buck and to be able to establish a three year implementation plan. Jim Pease indicated that stormwater treatment projects are eligible and some of that money was left on the table last time. The flow restoration plans include projects, but unfortunately we don’t know what the phosphorus benefits associated with those projects are. Tom DiPietro indicated that so long as we can get engineers out to look at these areas then we’ll have the projects, and then there will be more demand for the implementation dollars. We’ll have this ready for the Winooski TBP but not for the Lamoille.

Charlie Baker asked if it makes sense for him to go forward and ask for further data from DEC and ANR in order to prioritize problem areas. Don Meals expressed interest in focusing on prioritizing problem areas, and less emphasis on the actual projects. Jim Pease clarified that everyone will have to adhere to the same permit programs, but some may need to do more projects if they are in a hotspot area. Charlie Baker clarified that we are being asked to prioritize state funds. Megan Moir explained that the HUC map may be a good way to start, but there could easily be a big bang for the buck project in a blue HUC12. There were questions about the HUC12 map that need to be clarified (kg/yr per what?; does it include private roads and driveways or only

1 public roads?). There was a suggestion that you'd still need to compare one project to the next with boots on
2 the ground. CCRPC has started this work with the road erosion inventories, but only for some of the Winooski
3 basin plan municipalities.

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5 Dan Albrecht provided an overview of the draft Lamoille TBP Implementation Table, and explained that it
6 may be that our recommendation isn't project specific or even location specific because we may not have
7 enough data, but we could at least say that we want to prioritize phosphorus reduction projects. Dan Albrecht
8 described the project categories (agriculture, stream equilibrium/river corridor protection, stormwater, invasive
9 species, lake and pond shoreland and habitat, impaired waters/hazardous waste, flow altered waters, public
10 water supply, protection and evaluation for Outstanding Resource Waters and reclassification), and explained
11 that some are discreet projects while others are not, and some are implementation projects but some are
12 planning. Dan Albrecht explained the CCRPC recommendations that were added by staff and the Committee
13 concurred with staff submitting these recommendations to DEC.

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15 Megan Moir asked if anyone is looking at shared services and equipment for smaller towns to help with street
16 sweeping and catch basement cleaning. Jim Pease indicated that the latest research is starting to show that
17 these aren't the most effective in phosphorus reduction; and you have to sweep once/week in order to get
18 credit. But they are helpful and important tasks for many reasons and they have been continuing to seek
19 funding for more equipment.

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21 We want to provide some sort of recommendation on this list, likely at your November meeting. There is also
22 a larger list of specific projects, but we don't yet know how this TBP implementation list relates to the larger
23 implementation list. CCRPC will do some more work on the phosphorus reduction data, and co-benefits to
24 establish some criteria for how to prioritize these problem areas for CWAC review at the October meeting.

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26 Deb Shelby asked when there will be more information to help Bolton understand what areas to focus on as
27 they are writing their Town Plan right now. CCRPC will be distributing the road erosion inventory
28 information within the next few months. Jim Pease explained that there is a funding source for storm water
29 retrofits for existing 3 acre parcels.

30 **4. Initial review of proposed Basin Plan project scoring/ranking criteria:**

31 This discussion was combined with Agenda Item 3.

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33 **5. Tentative schedule of agenda items for future meetings* (Informational):**

34 Dan explained what we anticipate the agenda items to be for the foreseeable future. Jim Pease explained that
35 the draft 3 acre developed permit won't likely be out in the timeframe that we suggested, so CCRPC will push
36 that back on the schedule.

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38 James Sherrard suggested that we may want to add a discussion on the draft Stormwater Manual. There are
39 some concerns that they took out the helpful guidance pieces, and they took out the minimum water quality
40 standard for phosphorus. They will also produce a draft summary of changes between the last version and this
41 one that we should review; and we should ask them to put this document out sooner than later. October 25th is
42 the public meeting, and November 1st is the comment period deadline. There was some discussion about
43 whether a sub-committee wants to work on this, or whether we want to start discussions in between meetings
44 as one hour per month isn't going to be enough time to get through all of this. CCRPC will start an email
45 chain to begin to gather comments on this, and will add it to the October agenda.

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47 There was some discussion regarding the TMDL Implementation Program. Tom indicated that some of the
48 original comments are still relevant because they are still working them out. CCRPC will submit the relevant
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6. Items for October meeting agenda (Action):

The October Agenda will include:

- Draft Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan (Informational)
- Draft Tactical Basin Plan Problem Area Prioritization Criteria (Discussion)
- Stormwater Manual Comments (Action)

7. Brief Updates as Needed:

Charlie Baker described that he and a few other RPCs sat down with Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, to discuss clean water financing. Charlie indicated that she is very focused on shovel ready projects. She doesn't want to go to the legislature to ask for a new revenue source without shovel ready projects. There may be a draft of proposed revenue structures out in October. Tom suggested that if they start with 80% funding more municipal projects would get done, as opposed to 50%. Jim Pease suggested that VTrans funding is an option at 80% though you need to make a transportation connection.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony and Dan Albrecht

