

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

DATE: **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**
 SCHEDULED TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 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: Joss Besse	Hinesburg:	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola, Barbara Elliot (departed after TAC)	Underhill: Brian Bigelow
Burlington: Jenna Olson	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton:	Williston: James Sherrard
Colchester: Karen Adams	Richmond: Geoff Urbanik (11:07 a.m.)	Winooski: Tim Grover, John Choate, Jon Rauscher (departed after TAC)
Essex: Annie Costandi,[Co-Chair], Dennis Lutz (departed after TAC)	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT:
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Tom DiPietro	VANR: Christy Witters
Burlington Airport: Larry Lackey	University of VT: Claire Forbes (11:35 a.m.)	CCRPC Board:
Transportation Advisory Committee members: Bryan Osborne (departed after TAC), Dean Bloch (departed after TAC)		
Other Attendees: VTDEC: Jim Ryan (departed after TAC), Terisa Thomas (departed after TAC), Jim Pease		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Charles Baker Eleni Churchill, Chris Dubin, Jason Charest, Marshall Distel (these 4 staff departed after TAC)		

1. Welcome: The CWAC meeting started at 10:30 a.m. joining the Transportation Advisory Committee.

2. Presentation on MRGP Permit (Jim Ryan, DEC)

Mr. Ryan gave an extensive presentation. [see Powerpoint at Committee homepage.] Committee members and Mr. Ryan engaged in discussion. Key points included:
 The costs of annual administration is unknown at this point. The various fees outlined in the Permit are subject to a different legislative process (aka “the fee bill”) and could change in the future. Some suggestions that have come up during the permit development process including adjustments based upon population, # of hydro-connected road miles, etc.
 DEC will continue to provide outreach about the permit including at a Local Roads meeting in Hinesburg on May 10th and CCRPC will provide information at a Road Foremen’s meeting on April 4th.
 For road segments that are less than 10 meters in length (termed “stubs” by DEC), these will be added to the adjacent segment.
 The CCRPC has already completed the required Road Erosion Inventories for all the County’s municipalities. The CCRPC will help towns file the required “Annual Planning Reports” by April 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020 and assist in preparing the formal Road Stormwater Management Plans due by December 31, 2020.
 DEC will again provide “grant-in-aid” funding to help towns repair non-compliant segments. For FY19 funds, there may be a fix to the application to address some towns’ concerns over the requirement for towns to “certify” the number of hydrologically-connected road segments.
 Dennis Lutz asked and CCRPC staff concurred that CCRPC assist towns with documenting the costs of compliance over the upcoming years. We don’t want to be in the position of trying to remember work done in the past.
 DEC will be tracking implementation of MRGP-driven projects to account for and estimate Phosphorus reduction. In the spring of 2018 DEC will be setting up a online portal to provide estimates of P-reduction estimates for a suite of practices with the plan that the portal be finalized by 2020.

1 On the difficulty for town to find and purchase 12"-minus stone for use on slopes greater than 10% there will
2 be some flexibility in that going forward so that becomes a recommended practice with 6"-8" stone becoming
3 the required minimum.

4 Non-MS4 towns will not have a P-reduction target however the road project prioritization tool developed by
5 Evan Fitzgerald on behalf of CCRPC can provide guidance on which projects have the best water quality
6 benefit.

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8 *The TAC meeting adjourned at 11:40 and the CWAC meeting recessed from 11:40 – 11:45*

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10 *The meeting resumed at 11:45 a.m. Members and staff present and remaining for the rest of the meeting*
11 *above.*

12 13 **3. Review and action on draft minutes of January 9, 2018**

14 After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, *Jenna Olson made a motion, seconded by James Sherrard to*
15 *approve the minutes with corrections as follows: Annie called the meeting to order not Chelsea. MOTION*
16 *PASSED.*

17 18 **4. Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund; potential expansion of eligibility to include natural resources** 19 **projects (Terisa Thomas, DEC)**

20 Ms. Thomas gave an extensive presentation. [see Powerpoint at Committee homepage.] Committee
21 members and Ms. Thomas engaged in discussion. Key points included:

22 The Fund has been underutilized in recent years.

23 The idea behind this proposal is to pair up CWRLF projects with Natural Resource Projects so as to expand
24 utilization. These NR projects often have the best bang for the buck in terms of water quality improvement.

25 This approach has been pioneered by such states as Iowa, Ohio and Oregon. The proposal also opens use of
26 the fund to private entities (e.g. mobile home parks, ski resorts, homeowners' associations, private businesses)

27 that could have access to funds at a below market rate but at a higher interest rate than municipalities.

28 Types of projects that could be sponsored include: green SW infrastructure; acquisition, protection or
29 restoration of riparian areas or wetlands; developing and acquiring conservation easements, alterations to
30 stream banks and habitat improvements, improvements to nonpoint source polluted runoff and source water
31 protection.

32 33 **5. Update on Winooski TBP process**

34 Albrecht indicated that Karen Bates of DEC would have the first rough draft done by mid-April. As
35 members have seen, Dan has been gathering information on "municipal protectiveness", i.e. what water quality
36 protections are already in place due to zoning, etc.

37 38 **6. Items for Tuesday, April 3rd meeting**

39 No items identified at this time. The chairs will work with staff to develop the agenda.

40 41 **Adjournment**

42 The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

43 *Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht*