

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – DRAFT MINUTES
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4 DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2018
5 SCHEDULED TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
6 PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT
7 DOCUMENTS: Minutes, documents, and presentations discussed accessible at:
8 <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/meetings/clean-water-advisory-committee/>

Committee Members in Attendance		
Bolton: Joss Besse	Hinesburg:	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola,	Underhill: Brian Bigelow
Burlington: Jenna Olson	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton:	Williston: James Sherrard
Colchester: Karen Adams	Richmond: Geoff Urbanik	Winooski: Tim Grover
Essex: Annie Costandi,[Co-Chair]	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan, Tyler Hanson
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Tom DiPietro	VANR: Christy Witters
Burlington Airport: Larry Lackey, Polly Harris-Stantec	University of VT: Claire Forbes	CCRPC Board:
Other Attendees: Juliana Dixon-BLUE®		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Charles Baker, Eleni Churchill, Chris Dubin,		

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10 **1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Annie Costandi.

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12 **2. Review and action on draft minutes of March 7, 2018**

13 After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, Brian Bigelow *made a motion, seconded by James Sherrard to*
14 *approve the minutes with corrections as follows: Correct arrival time for Claire Forbes to 10:35 a.m.*
15 *corrected the time she arrived. MOTION PASSED with Polly Harris abstaining.*

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17 **3. Quick overview of CCRPC Road Erosion Inventory on-line Database (Chris Dubin, CCRPC)**

18 Mr. Dubin provided a presentation of the county-wide MRGP data in ArcGIS's Insights tool and asked for
19 feedback on how the data was presented. No action by the Committee.

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21 **4. Update on Winooski TBP process: How Best to Incorporate Municipal and Regional Priorities**

22 Albrecht reviewed a memo he had recently submitted to Karen Bates of DEC with his initial comments on
23 incorporating the region's priorities in the Winooski TBP. The memo indicates that the clear priorities for the
24 MS4s are the flow restoration plans (FRP) and phosphorus control plans. The memo also includes some
25 specific comments received from a few of the MS4s. The non-MS4 towns' priorities are the MRGP,
26 addressing runoff from private roads and driveways, and how to enable appropriate investment/development in
27 Village areas while protecting water quality. The memo also includes priorities from the Stormwater Master
28 Plans that have been done. Regarding regional priorities, the memo includes the same general comments that
29 we submitted for the Lamoille TBP (best phosphorus reduction/cost, and co-benefits). Albrecht further
30 explained that we still don't have a good way to interact with the larger project database; or the ERP grant
31 applications.

32 He noted that DEC has indicated there will be an initial "pre-draft" out in mid-April 2018. Similarly, to the
33 Lamoille TBP, the implementation table may include categories of actions rather than actual projects. Charlie
34 Baker added that we have still been pushing DEC to refine the prioritization system to ensure we are funding
35 the right projects, rather than simply funding what is ready. Ethan Swift at DEC is working on this, and we are
36 hoping for a better system by this Fall. Christy Witters added that there does need to be some more thought
37 about where we should prioritize. Currently the Plans are not very specific. Charlie Baker stated that this will
38 be a slow evolution in DEC from a grant awarding agency to a capital planning agency.

39 Dan asked the MS4s if they have a five-year plan of what projects they want to get done from their FRPs
40 and several indicated that yes, they do. Dan suggested that perhaps those could be prioritized and added to the
41 Plan.

5. Legislative Update (Charlie Baker, CCRPC)

S. 260 – Charlie Baker explained that both James testified at the House, and Charlie presented what we voted on at the CCRPC Board last January. Take a look at what came out of the Senate – looks like they are asking for another Committee study to figure out how to fund long-term water quality protections by Nov. 15th of 2018 including draft legislation. James Sherrard heard that it was stalled and may not go anywhere this year. He added that we’ve missed the EPA milestone to finalize a plan for long-term funding. We don’t yet know how EPA will respond to that yet. Charlie Baker heard that the \$15 million that has been used is going to run out as it is needed for other capital projects in the state. VLCT will not support any legislation that will open municipalities to suit. Sounds like anyone with a grievance can take suit against the municipality (or a farmer or other landowner) for not following the permit. This already exists, but this may allow a person to not have to prove harm in order to file suit. Lastly, he and the other RPCS also trying to ask for pre-capital money to facilitate project development, not sure if they’ll have any luck with this. And a good chunk of funding is being talked about for Lake Carmi.

James asked if anyone has any comments on: H. 576 – 3 acre rule and ½ acre impervious. It was passed by the House and is now in the Senate. It doesn’t sound like there is any additional funding for DEC to do this additional work. The permit fee revenue will go to the general fund.

Tom DiPetro asked Christy Witters if DEC has any schedule for the release of the 3 acre permit. Christy Witters indicated that she is not aware.

6. Items for Tuesday, May 1st meeting

Winooski Tactical Basin Plan Draft?

Tom DiPetro asked if Kevin could come in to discuss how things are going under the new Stormwater Manual. Particularly discussion on installations under the new Stormwater Manual – have we been seeing more Tier 1 & 2 projects like intended? Also general thoughts or questions about how it is being interpreted.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony & Dan Albrecht