

Clean Water Advisory Committee

October 2, 2018

Agenda Item 3: CWAC Member Guidelines

Issue: The CCRPC bylaws provide for the CWAC membership as follows:

“There shall be members and representatives of organizations as follows:

- 1 CCRPC Board member or Alternate (who may also represent their municipality)
- Representatives of the County’s 19 municipalities
- University of Vermont
- Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)
- Vermont Agency of Transportation
- Burlington International Airport
- Other voting or non-voting members as may be determined appropriate by the CCRPC after a recommendation from the CWAC.”

The FY19 agreement with DEC to assist with tactical basin planning and water quality planning includes the following language:

Each RPC will have an advisory committee that includes municipalities, conservation districts, watershed groups, and other interested parties to provide recommendations regarding TBP’s and related water quality issues (existing committees, such as Natural Resource or Clean Water committees may serve this role).

In response to concerns expressed by Staff that the CCRPC would not be in compliance with the grant when the Winooski Basin Plan is considered by the CWAC at their October meeting, the Board voted at its September 19th meeting to add the following three organizations as Voting members of the CWAC:

- Friends of the Winooski
- Lewis Creek Association
- Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District

The Board also voted to ask the CWAC to develop guidelines to guide future CWAC recommendations for new CWAC members which would be approved by the Board.

Here are initial draft guidelines for consideration based on feedback since your last meeting:

- 1) the organization’s primary focus is on watersheds that are within Chittenden County;
- 2) that they are established non-profit organizations with a track record of participating as partners with our municipalities on the implementation of water quality research, outreach and improvement projects;
- 3) that the organization be nominated by at least one CWAC municipal member; and
- 4) that the organization not be primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities.