

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

DATE: **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**
 SCHEDULED TIME: 11 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: Joss Besse	Hinesburg: Merrily Lovell	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill: Brian Bigelow
Burlington: Jenna Olson	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton: Dave Allerton	Williston: James Sherrard
Colchester: Karen Adams	Richmond: Jess Draper	Winooski:
Essex: Annie Costandi	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Tom DiPietro	VANR: Christy Witters; Jim Pease (arrived at 11:41am)
Burlington Airport: Polly Harris (Stantec)	University of VT: Lani Ravin	CCRPC Board: Don Meals
Other Attendees: Jason Sorenson-USGS; Kristen Balschunat-Winooski NRCD		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Regina Mahony, Chris Dubin, Charlie Baker		

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

2. Review and action on draft minutes of June 5, 2018

After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, Chelsea Mandigo *made a motion, seconded by Brian Bigelow to approve the minutes. MOTION PASSED with Harris, Meals abstaining.*

3. Overview: draft 2018 Winooski Tactical Basin Plan & review timeline: Dan Albrecht, CCRPC

Dan Albrecht provided an overview of the 200-page draft Winooski Tactical Basin Plan, based on his August 30th memo to the CWAC. The memo highlights locations of the TBP that municipalities should review in order to prepare CCRPC’s comment letter that will be finalized at the October meeting. The following discussions ensued:

- The list of top objectives is comprehensive, but not prioritized. In particular agriculture is not prioritized, though this document is a DEC document and they don’t have authority over agriculture.
- There was a question regarding the statement “...the TBP does not preclude any development...” Is this a cop-out? Should it instead say that DEC will work with municipalities to establish appropriate regulations? Dan suggested that we come back to this.
- Upper Cobb Brook – reclassification? There is an upper and a lower and the upper part should be reclassified. Dan and Darlene will follow up with Karen Bates after the meeting.
- Essex Junction is not identified separately as a municipality in the tables.
- Burlington isn’t listed on many of phosphorus input tables; likely because the Intervale and wetlands are the majority of the land uses within the Winooski Basin.
- Are private roads included in the road phosphorus input model?
- There was a question about how the catchments are assigned to each municipality (e.g. Muddy Brook is in Williston, Shelburne and St. George but the majority of it is in Williston and Williston is the only municipality listed on the table). Christy Witters confirmed that phosphorus loads for the phosphorus control plans will not be assigned based on these models.
- There doesn’t appear to be any dis-harmony between our Regional Plan and the draft TBP.
- There was discussion that the Plan doesn’t clearly speak to what a municipality is required to do. The TBPs are essentially guidance documents, not regulatory. It may be helpful in supporting grant applications. But the requirements will come from the permits (i.e. Municipal Roads General Permit).

Dan Albrecht went over the timeline for the next couple of months to explain how we will draft a CCRPC comment and conformance with the regional plan letter.

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2 **4. CCRPC Tracking of municipal road segment improvements: Chris Dubin, CCRPC staff**

3 Chris Dubin provided a status update for the Municipal Roads General Permit work:

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- 5 • Grants in Aid program.
 - 6 • CCRPC's water quality/transportation planning assistance. These funds can be used for up to 20/30%
7 design. CCRPC did not receive any requests this summer but it will be kept open. There are 5 water
8 quality consultant teams on board and so the projects can get started relatively quickly.
 - 9 • Overview of Conceptual Plans for priority REI sites.
 - 10 • Outlet mapping – we need to connect the outlets back to the road segments to understand how and
11 what outfalls are covered by the MRGP. Still need to do this in South Burlington, Williston,
12 Shelburne, Town of Essex and Colchester. There is some time to get these done. Christy explained the
13 difference between the outlet (meet road standards) and outfall (meet Illicit Discharge Detection
14 Elimination (IDDE) requirements) as distinguished between the two different permits. May want to
15 have another meeting regarding IDDE's and what the expectations will be. Especially considering the
16 location of these on private property.
 - 17 • MRGP Compliance Targets – the municipalities have addressed 115 out of 262 overall segments; and
18 17 out of 138 very high priority segments.

19 **5. Expansion of CWAC membership to conservation districts, watershed groups and other interested**
20 **parties. (Action)**

21 Somewhere between a request and a requirement for the RPC's to expand membership of this group. Staff
22 recommendation is to expand to Friends of the Winooski, Lewis Creek and Winooski Natural Resource
23 Conservation District. This would not affect the MS4 sub-committee. There was a question about guidelines
24 about what groups to include. Some suggestions include: organized non-profit with an interest in Chittenden
25 County and/or Lake Champlain. There was discussion regarding having a deeper discussion to establish
26 guidelines on the next meeting. The timeline issue is that we should have broader perspective on commenting
27 on the Winooski TBP.

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29 *Jenna Olson made a motion, seconded by Don Meals, to recommend to the CCRPC Board that the*
30 *membership be kept as is until we can establish guidelines. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED. Polly*
31 *Harris abstained.*

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33 **6. Updates**

34 Grant programs are out: ERP, Block Grant, etc.

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36 **Adjournment**

37 The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

38 *Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony & Dan Albrecht*
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