

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

DATE: **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**  
 SCHEDULED TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:15 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/>

<b>Committee Members in Attendance</b>		
Bolton: Joss Besse	Hinesburg: Merrily Lovell	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill: Brian Bigelow
Burlington:	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton: Dave Allerton	Williston: James Sherrard
Colchester: Karen Adams	Richmond: Jessica Draper	Winooski: Jon Rauscher, Tim Grover
Essex: Annie Costandi	Shelburne: Chris Robinson (arr. 11:07 a.m.)	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan
Essex Junction:	South Burlington: Tom DiPietro (arr. 11:16 a.m.)	VANR: Christy Witters
Burlington Airport: Larry Lackey, Polly Harris (Stantec)	University of VT: Claire Forbes	CCRPC Board: Don Meals
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc:	Winooski NRCD: Kristen Balschunat
<b>Other Attendees:</b> Milly Archer VLCT, Jess Rubin MycoEvolve,		
<b>CCRPC Staff:</b> Dan Albrecht, Charlie Baker		

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Annie Costandi at 11:00.
2. **Review and action on draft minutes of October 2, 2018.** After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, Karen Adams pointed out that the Colchester intern’s first name is Andrew. Karen Richards *made a motion, seconded by James Sherrard to approve the minutes as corrected. MOTION PASSED with Polly harris, and Don Meals abstaining.*
3. **Recommend appointment guidelines for non-municipal representatives to CWAC.** Annie opened the discussion about the four draft criteria:
  - 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.

Don spoke out in opposition to the 4<sup>th</sup> criteria to have as broad as representation as possible. James noted that the primary goal is to help municipalities. Joss would be concerned if the word “primarily” was removed from the 4 criteria. Annie noted that Don suggested having members be non-voting was an option. James would not be concerned if organizations were non-voting. There was discussion about how big a difference there is between voting and non-voting members, particularly if there are votes on policy positions to an agency.

*James Sherrard moved that the four bullets be approved as written with a second from Darlene Palola. Everyone was in favor except Don Meals and Brian Bigelow were opposed and the following abstained: Chrsty Witters, Jennifer Callahan, Kristen Balschunat and Chris Robinson. MOTION PASSED.*
4. **From SWMP to Project Implementation, Chittenden County Examples; Danielle Owczarski, DEC & Dan Albrecht, CCRPC.** Danielle first presented on how to find and prepare watershed projects for implementation using DEC’s story map available at this link: <https://arcg.is/1jmubL> More and more state funding is going towards green stormwater projects (primarily trying to treat water flow across impervious surfaces). The Tactical Basin Plans present the big picture for each watershed but also include an

1 Implementation Table highlighting the most critical types of projects that are needed. To access project  
2 ideas, one then explores the state's Watersheds Project Database where you can sort by town, by type of  
3 project, by project readiness, etc.

4 Danielle and Dan then showcased two examples of how projects were moved from the TBP phase,  
5 through a stormwater master plan process and then towards implementation. The Town of Jericho secured  
6 an Ecosystem Restoration Program grant of about \$50k and completed sub-surface chambers and regraded  
7 to improve a pre-existing basin with better infiltration at the corner of VT-15 and Packard Road. The Town  
8 of Underhill worked with the CCRPC to obtain about \$20k in Clean Water Block Grant funds and will be  
9 installing a large raingarden to treat roof and parking lot runoff at the Town Office on Pleasant Valley  
10 Road.

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- 12 5. **Draft Water Quality – Clean Water Utilities bill.** Charlie reviewed some comments that he sent to the  
13 Secretary of ANR regarding a bill that she is drafting requiring municipalities to participate in clean water  
14 utilities for the purpose of implementing, owning, and maintaining non-regulatory projects. It sounds like  
15 that this early bill will be getting combined with a bill that Senator Bray was drafting. We'll have to  
16 monitor this bill as it moves through the legislature.
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- 18 6. **Updates.** 3-acre rule – Padraic wasn't able to be here as the draft rule is going to LCAR today. He will be  
19 at the February meeting to discuss. Jess Rubin from UVM provided an update on some research for using  
20 mycoremediation for water pollution reduction (see PDF posted at Committee webpage).
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- 22 7. **Items for February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.** draft 3-acre permit rule and preliminary list of potential  
23 regulated parcels; legislative update
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- 25 8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
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*Respectfully submitted, Charlie Baker*