

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

DATE: **Tuesday, July 2, 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/>

Committee Members in Attendance		
Bolton:	Hinesburg:	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill: Brian Bigelow
Burlington: James Sherrard (arr. 11:50 a.m.), acting member	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton: Dave Allerton, Ashley Toof	Williston:
Colchester: Karen Adams, Andrew Douglas	Richmond:	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi + interns: Noah Schultz and Kylie Tardif	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Tom DiPietro	VANR:
Burlington Airport: Larry Lackey, Polly Harris (Stantec), arr. 11:10 a.m.	University of VT: Claire Forbes	CCRPC Board:
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc:	Winooski NRCD:
Other Attendees: Milly Archer, VLCT; Karen Bates, DEC; Jim Pease, DEC		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Regina Mahony, Eleni Churchill, Chris Dubin		

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Annie Costandi at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda** None.
3. **Review and action on draft minutes of May 7, 2019.**
 After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, *Chelsea Mandigo made a motion, seconded by Claire Forbes to approve the minutes as drafted. MOTION PASSED.*
4. **Start of Northern Lake Champlain (Basin 5) TBP process: Karen Bates, DEC (Discussion)**
 Karen Bates went over the timeline for this Direct to Lake Basin Plan update. The Plan will be adopted by August, 2020. Karen reviewed the main content that will be included in the Plan: agricultural best management practices, stormwater management, corridor/riparian buffer protection, logging roads, wetlands, 3 acre permit, lake shoreline, aquatic invasive species, outreach on water quality conditions, address toxics (Stevens Brook is listed specifically; there was a discussion about noting the two streams (Sunnyside Brook in Colchester and a tributary of Muddy Brook in Williston) on the impaired list for chloride), and identification of stream reclassifications. The map of the basin in Chittenden County was also provided – it includes streams that flow directly into Lake Champlain rather than into the Winooski or the Lamoille. The [Northern Lake Champlain Direct Basin Planning storymap](#) was also shown to the CWAC. A lot of data is provided in the storymap and is easily accessible. It also includes the projects in the Watershed Projects database. Dan sent out a “water quality concerns” survey to municipal staff to help gather input to feed into the draft Basin Plan. He will send it out again and it is due by July 15th.
5. **Debrief on S.96**
 Dan Albrecht provided a quick overview of the final S. 96 bill, using the table summary. The bill identifies a strategy for addressing phosphorus reductions in non-regulatory programs. These targets will be set up in November 2021 for Lake Champlain. The bill sets up a structure for a Clean Water Service Provider to distribute funds based on watersheds. In Section 3, the final bill includes 6% of rooms and

1 meals tax as an additional revenue source. The bill itself is also uploaded on the CWAC page on CCRPC's
2 website; as well as a table of water quality funding that compares FY19 to FY20 programs. Funding is
3 contingent upon each basin making progress toward phosphorus reduction. Dan Albrecht indicated that
4 Charlie and Dan will have further discussions with the CWAC about whether CCRPC should apply to be
5 the Clean Water Service Provider for one or more of the basins within our region.
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7 **6. Updates**

- 8 a. Clean Water Block Grants, start of Year 2 funds. Dan Albrecht provided a quick update on the second
9 year of funds for this project. Half of this money needs to be used for projects under \$20,000; but it
10 can be used for design only. There is still a 50% match for MS4 municipalities. This funding is
11 available, but we are wrapping up year 1 funds before starting year 2 funding projects. There was a
12 question about whether this grant can be used for public-private partnerships. Dan Albrecht does not
13 know if that is possible yet.
- 14 b. NW Partnership Project Development Block Grant. Dan Albrecht provided an overview of this small
15 project that we are working on with NW Regional Planning Commission. The intent of this project is
16 to provide funds to RPCs and Watershed Groups to flesh out, update or remove Watershed Projects
17 database projects that don't have much information associated with them. Many of these projects came
18 from the old corridor plans and need more investigation and planning. Dan will likely focus his efforts
19 on Westford or Charlotte (municipalities that haven't had a formal stormwater master plan done yet).
20 This isn't a huge effort, but Dan indicated that he wanted the CWAC to be aware of it.
- 21 c. Grants-in-Aid: FY19 wrap-up and start of FY20. Chris Dubin described the work that was done in
22 FY19 under this grant program. A total of 14 towns initially participated with 12 likely the final
23 number, an increase compared to the 10 towns that participated in FY18, the first year of the Grants-
24 in-Aid program. The FY19 program was extended to July 31st for field work; paperwork needs to be
25 wrapped up in August. It isn't likely that the deadline in the future will be permanently extended to
26 July 31, despite how helpful that would be. Approximately eighty-one 100-meter road segments were
27 upgraded to meet MRGP standards under this program in FY19. After this paperwork is wrapped up,
28 Chris and our interns will be reaching out to the Towns in later summer and early fall to get a handle
29 on any other municipal work that was done on the municipal road segments so we can keep our
30 database up to date. He will also help towns get started on their paperwork for the FY20 program
31 although those projects do not need to be completed until no later than June 30, 2020.

32 33 **7. Items for August 6th meeting agenda.**

- 34 • Matt Vaughan's tributary loading report from the Lake Champlain Basin Program.
35 • May cancel if no other topics come up.
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37 **8. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. 38

39 *Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony and Dan Albrecht*
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