

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
**CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – DRAFT MINUTES**

DATE: **Tuesday, January 5, 2021**  
 SCHEDULED TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
 PLACE: ONLINE  
 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:
Burlington: James Sherrard	Jericho: Katherine Sonnick	Westford:
Charlotte: Larry Lewack	Milton: Dave Allerton, Kirsten Jensen	Williston: Christine Dougherty
Colchester: Karen Adams	Richmond: Ravi Venkataraman	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, Co-Chair	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Tom DiPietro, Dave Wheeler	VANR: Christy Witters
Burlington Airport:	University of VT: Lani Ravin	CCRPC Board:
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc: Kate Kelly, Andrea Morgante	Winooski NRCD:
<b>Other Attendees:</b> DEC: Danielle Owczarski; Karen Bates; Neil Kamman <b>RPCs:</b> Amanda Holland, NWRPC; Barbara Pulling, RRPC; Bonnie Wanniger, CVRPC; Grace Vinson, CVRPC; Pamela DeAndrea CVRPC; John Van Housen–ACRPC; Chris Company, WRC; Margo Ghia, WRC; Meghan Rodier, LCPC; Frank Maloney, NVDA; Mike Winslow, ACRPC <b>Other::</b> Roy Schiff, Milone & MacBroom; Steve Fiske – Morrisville Conservation Commission; Steve Libby, Vermont River Conservancy; Roger George, Swanton Resident; Kent Henderson, FNLC; Kerry O’Brien, Caledonia County NRCD; Marguerite Ladd, Town of Cambridge; Brenda Gail Bergman, TNC; Molly Varner, Grand Isle NRCD; JD, unknown		
<b>CCRPC Staff:</b> Dan Albrecht, Charlie Baker, Regina Mahony, Chris Dubin, Sai Sarepalli		

1. **Call to Order.** With the consent of the co-chairs, it was agreed to have Dan Albrecht run the meeting since it was all online. The meeting was called to order by Dan Albrecht at 11:05 a.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda** No changes.
3. **Review and action on draft minutes of October 6, 2020** After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, *Annie Costandi made a motion, seconded by Karen Adams to approve the minutes as drafted. MOTION PASSED with no abstentions.*
4. **Lamoille Basin (Basin 7) Tactical Basin Planning Update process**  
 Danielle Owczarski, DEC, Discussion. Danielle walked through the Basin Planning story map, see link at: [story map](#). The story map provides details on the timeline: namely input from January to October, will take preliminary input in May 2021, ready for public comment in October 2021. Danielle will send a link to Dan for distribution to Lamoille towns which will be a survey to capture municipal input on water quality issues which will then help Danielle with plan drafting.  
  
 Progress report question – does the scorecard show the anticipated phosphorus reduction associated with each project with a comparison of the anticipated phosphorus reduction and actual phosphorus reduction?  
 Danielle indicated that so far, they’ve reported the projects done to EPA; the hope is that reductions can be reported based on performance standards in phase 3. These reductions will be modeled data, not actuals. The current round of plans will include a target; and then the next round of five-year plans will include results of what’s been done based on modeled data.

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**5. Update on Clean Water Service Provider Rule making process**

Neil Kamman provided an update of overview of Act 76. See details at : <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/statuses-rules-policies/act-76> Key point is that the funds that CWSPs will administer is for non-regulatory projects and those funds (aka Tier I projects) won't start until July 2022. With regards to funding for municipal projects in the future, this would fall under the Tier II category and help with MS4, MRGP and Municipal 3-Acre projects. Some combination of Capital Budget funds and Clean Water Fund monies will be used to put funds into these Tier II projects. As noted in Act 76, Tier II funds for a given basin will only be available if the CWSP-run projects are meeting standards and P-reductions are being met.

Dan Albrecht went over a side-by-side comparison of previous CCRPC and other CWSP comments v. the existing draft rule. This included: secretary's guidance; fiscal management; reporting to the Secretary; Secretary's allocation of pollutant reduction targets, clean water projects, membership & structure, meetings & action, conflict of interest.

Questions: What about accountability? CWSP are supposed to ensure that the goals are being met? Neil Kamman clarified that CWSP are not enforcers; enforcement sits with the Agency. Don't like to think about it as potential failure; certainly, fraud is not acceptable. But severe penalties are not included in the rule since this is a new process with good intentions at non-regulatory projects.

Dan reminded folks that the intent is for the partners and municipalities to do the actual projects so he encouraged folks to read the rule and flag issues that might make project work clunky or un-workable.

**6. Updates**

- a. No updates

**7. Items for Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting agenda.**

- a) Finalize draft of CCRPC comments on draft CWSP Rule.

**8. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony & Dan Albrecht*