

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

DATE: **Tuesday, February 2, 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/>

Committee Members in Attendance		
Bolton: Joss Besse	Hinesburg:	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill:
Burlington: James Sherrard	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	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: Don Meals
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc:	Winooski NRCD:
Other Attendees: DEC: Chris Rottler RPCs: John Van Housen – ACRPC Other: Amy Macrellis; Michele Braun		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Charlie Baker, Regina Mahony, 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 11:03 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 January 5, 2021** 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. **Review and comment on draft CCRPC Board comment letter on draft Clean Water Service Provider Rule**

See details at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/statutes-rules-policies/act-76>

Dan Albrecht provided an overview of the draft Clean Water Service Provider Rule comments that were included in the packet.

Questions/Discussion:

Joss Besse stated the Rule includes several pieces the Secretary *will* provide. Are these things prepared yet or on track? Chris Rottler stated that DEC is in contract to get this work done (Floodplains/Forestry/O&M). Ultimately this information will be incorporated into the guidance that will be established in the coming year. CWSPs won't start-up not until July 2022, when the guidance is out. This timing also better aligns with the Clean Water Fund and fiscal year.

Discussion regarding the conflict of interest comments; and whether the suggested three additions help better define when a recusal is necessary. The rule as currently drafted would require members to always recuse themselves if funding for one of their projects is up for a vote. This will create quorum and decision-making issues across the board. Michele Braun is the only potential project implementor / BWQC member on the call and she thought it made sense to set the line in the sand at 50% as it is unlikely the members will retain more than 50% of project cost for themselves. Most of the money will be going to machines. Joss Besse asked if the BWQC doesn't have a quorum, who makes the decision? The CCRPC Board? Or Executive Director? Charlie

1 Baker stated that its unknown and a great question; and either way it isn't ideal because both are only in
2 Chittenden County while the geography includes Northwest and Addison service areas. Charlie Baker asked if
3 the CWAC had any further comments or ideas on this. There were no additional comments.

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5 Joss Besse made a motion, seconded by Tom DiPietro to approve the comments as drafted with edits to
6 incorporate the original conflict of interest comments. Discussion: Charlie Baker stated that he'll be working
7 with the other potential Clean Water Service Providers at the legislative level if this is not resolved in the rule
8 making to ensure Basin Water Quality Council members can participate in the decision making more fully. No
9 further discussion. MOTION PASSED.

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11 **5. Updates**

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13 a. No updates

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15 **6. Items for Wednesday, March 3rd meeting agenda.**

- 16 a) Potential UPWP water quality projects.
17 b) Potential CWSP rule/legislation.

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19 **7. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

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21 *Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony & Dan Albrecht*
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