

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

DATE: **Tuesday, September 7, 2021**  
 SCHEDULED TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
 PLACE: In-person at CCRPC office and ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
 DOCUMENTS: Minutes, documents, and presentations discussed accessible at:  
<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/meetings/clean-water-advisory-committee/>

<b>Committee Members in Attendance</b> (all online unless otherwise noted)		
Bolton: Joss Besse	Hinesburg: Merrily Lovell	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill: Brad Holden
Burlington: James Sherrard	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton: David Allerton, Kirsten Jensen	Williston: Christine Dougherty
Colchester:	Richmond: Ravi Venkataraman	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, Co-Chair	Shelburne: Chris Robinson (at CCRPC offices)	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: David Wheeler, Tom DiPietro	VANR:
Burlington Airport: Catie Calabrese (EIV)	University of VT:	CCRPC Board: Don Meals, co-chair
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc:	Winooski NRCD:
<b>Other Attendees: DEC:</b> Karen Bates, Christy Whitters <b>Other:</b> Amy Macreelis, Stone Environmental		
<b>CCRPC Staff:</b> Dan Albrecht (at CCRPC offices), Sai Sarepalli, Charlie Baker, Chris Dubin (11:20 a.m.)		

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 11:15 a.m.

2. **Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda** No changes.

3. **Review and action on draft minutes of June 1, 2021** After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, *Chris Robinson made a motion, seconded by Darlene Palola to approve the minutes as drafted. MOTION PASSED with no abstentions.*

4. **2021 Update to the Lamoille River Watershed Tactical Basin Plan**

Danielle Owczarski of DEC gave the presentation. See docs at committee webpage, [this DEC webpage](#) and this [DEC Story Map](#). Key dates in the final months getting the Plan over the finish line are: October 1<sup>st</sup>: draft Plan issued for public comment for 30 days. October 14<sup>th</sup>: public meeting in Hyde Park with virtual attendance at various satellite locations in other town offices or via individual log-in online. With regards to the Basin Report Card, more of those details will be published in 2022 as part of DEC’s Annual Performance Report. Danielle then highlighted some key chapters and tables. With regards to Wetlands designations, there are two candidates for designation as Class I: “Towne Swamp” near I-89 and Streeter Brook and a swamp within the Milton Town Forest however DEC would look to the town governments to nominate/request such designations.

Dan Albrecht noted that once the draft Plan is released on October 1<sup>st</sup>, he will prepare some brief staff comments for the CWAC to review at its October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and for the CCRPC Board meeting to adopt at its October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The CCRPC will also prepare a Regional Plan Conformance letter but this will likely be submitted in November which is okay with DEC..

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2 **5. CWAC Volunteer to serve on Long Range Planning Committee**  
3 Dan noted that a volunteer is needed to assist this Committee with the ECOS Plan Update. Annie  
4 Constandi volunteered.  
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6 **6. Updates by staff**  
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8 CCRPC MRGP / REI data-tracking: Chris Dubin briefed the group. Remember that the intermediate  
9 requirement is that MRGP permittees (in our case the non-MS4 towns) must bring at least 15% of their non-  
10 compliant road segments into compliance by January 2023. Most of our towns have already met this target.  
11 The CCRPC will continue to track municipal compliance and upload data on MRGP performance into the  
12 State database but he stressed that CCRPC can only report what is known. CCRPC is up to date on grant-  
13 funded projects but we need more information on which road segment improvements have been completed  
14 with municipal funds not just grant monies. Please visit our Road Erosion Inventory dashboard at  
15 [map.ccrpcvt.org/reidashboard](http://map.ccrpcvt.org/reidashboard)  
16 Clean Water Service Providers: start-up grant to CCRPC for Basin 5: Dan reported this grant to CCRPC  
17 should start any day now.  
18 DEC Project Development Block Grant: Dan noted that Addison County RPC will be applying on behalf of all  
19 11 RPCs. Funds would be used for exploring/shepherding projects and bringing parties together towards  
20 submitting grant applications. DEC issued this grant opportunity in part to fund this type of activity with a  
21 separate pot of money rather than this work being done under the RPC's Tactical Basin Planning outreach  
22 grant agreement.  
23 Design Implementation Block Grants administered by Mount Ascutney Regional Commission, Watersheds  
24 United Vermont and Natural Resources Conservation Council: Dan noted that MARC will be issuing an RFP  
25 any day now. The grant app deadline for the WUV-administered grants ended 9/3. CCRPC applied for a Final  
26 Design grant for design of a gravel wetland to treat runoff from Price Chopper / Market 32 and Champlain  
27 Housing Trust property in Burlington.  
28 VTRANS Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program Grants: Dan noted that this opportunity  
29 was recently announced. Grants are due in October. Learn more at:  
30 <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program>  
31 VTRANS Better Roads Grants: Dan noted these will likely be posted later this fall. See more at:  
32 <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>  
33 **7. Updates by Members and Guests.** None.  
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35 **8. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:54 p.m.  
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*Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht*