

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

DATE: **Tuesday, Decemer 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/>

Committee Members in Attendance (all online unless otherwise noted)		
Bolton: Joss Besse	Hinesburg: Merrily Lovell	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill:
Burlington: James Sherrard	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton: Dave Allerton, Kirsten Jensen	Williston: Christine Dougherty
Colchester:	Richmond: Ravi Venkataraman	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, co-chair	Shelburne: Chris Robinson	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Dave Wheeler, Tom DiPietro	VANR:
Burlington Airport: Catie Calabrese (EIV)	University of VT: Lani Ravin	CCRPC Board: Don Meals
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc: Kate Kelly, Andrea Morgante	Winooski NRCD: Remy Crettol
Other Attendees: DEC: Karen Bates Other: Lauren Weston (Franklin County NRCD), Molly Varner (Grand Isle County NRCD), Jared Carpenter (Lake Champlain Committee), Kent Henderson (Friends of Northern Lake Champlain), Shannon Kelly (Lake Iroquois Recreation District), Dean Pierce & Dea Devlin (Northwest RPC), Mike Winslow (Addison County RPC), Grace Vinson (Central VT RPC), Shayne Jaquith (The Nature Conservancy)		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht (at CCRPC office), Sai Sarepalli, Charlie Baker		

1. **Call to Order.** With the consent of the co-chairs, Annie Costandi and Don Meals, it was agreed to have Dan Albrecht facilitate the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. **Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda** None.
3. **Review and action on draft minutes of November 2, 2021** After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, *Ravi Venkataraman made a motion, seconded by Annie Costandi to approve the minutes as drafted. MOTION PASSED.*
4. **Clean Water Service Providers for Northern Lake Champlain, Lamoille & Winooski Basin**
 - a. Dan Albrecht provided a briefing on Act 76 and the designation of CCRPC as the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) for the Northern Lake Champlain Basin. He highlighted the anticipated required annual phosphorus loading reductions in the Basin for the non-regulatory sector which will be the responsibility of the CWSP to achieve. As the CWSP, they will be provided approximately \$552,000 to disburse in grants starting next fiscal year He then described how as the CWSP they will get up and running this fiscal year. First, soliciting recruitment of members for its Basin Water Quality Council; working with DEC to identify potential projects, issuing an RFQ to pre-qualify engineering firms and project implementors (municipalities, watershed groups, land conservation organizations, natural resource conservation districts and others) so that as the CWSP, the CCRPC can quickly fund implementation/construction of recommended projects as well as design, operations & maintenance. Note that it is the Council that will prioritize projects, review their “scoring” for phosphorus reduction and co-benefits and vote on which projects to be funded. CCRPC sees its role as an administrator/manager and will be looking to many of the organizations here on this video meeting to actually implement these projects as they have the most suitable experience and skillset. Dan concluded his remarks with a more detailed explanation of how the nine-members will be recruited.

- 1 b. Grace Vinson of Central Vermont RPC described their planned start-up tasks for the Winooski Basin
2 for which CVRPC was designated as the CWSP. They will hold two, repeat information sessions, one
3 on December 8th and the other on December 15th. They are also currently recruiting nominations for
4 municipal BWQC members.
- 5 c. Dean Pierce of Northwest Vermont RPC, which will serve as the CWSP for the Lamoille and
6 Mississquoi Basins, made similar comments to Dan and Grace. NRPC held a virtual information
7 session on November 30th regarding CWSP startup for that basin. He will be sending out solicitations
8 for municipal BWQC member nominations as well as RPC representatives.
9 Minor clarifying questions were asked of Dan, Grace and Dean and answered accordingly.

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11 **5. Overview of Draft DEC FY23 Clean Water Budget**

12 Dan highlighted what he considered an excellent presentation given by various state agency personnel to
13 the Clean Water Board at their November 4th meeting. The document is loaded on our Committee page and
14 members are encourage to read through it as it lays out very clearly the different sources of funding the
15 Vermont Clean Water Initiative will disburse and the types of projects that have been and will be funded.
16 Dean Pierce noted that the Board would be meeting next week on December 14th.

17 **6. Updates by Staff**

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20 **7. Updates by Members and Guests**

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23 **8. Items for January Agenda**

24 Appointment of CWAC member (and maybe) alternate to Basin 5 Water Quality Council (BWQC)
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26 **9. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
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Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht