

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

DATE: **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**
 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: Katherine Sonnick	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton: Kirsten Jensen	Williston: Christine Dougherty
Colchester:	Richmond:	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, co-chair	Shelburne: Chris Robinson (11:26 pm_	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan (11:35 pm)
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo	South Burlington: Dave Wheeler, Tom DiPietro	VANR:
Burlington Airport: Catie Calabrese (EIV)	University of VT: Lani Ravin	CCRPC Board:
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc: Kate Kelly, Andrea Morgante	Winooski NRCD: Remy Crettol
Other Attendees: DEC: Danielle Owczarski Other: Dean Pierce (Northwest RPC), Grace Vinson (Central VT RPC), Shayne Jaquith (The Nature Conservancy)		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht (at CCRPC office), Sai Sarepalli, Chris Dubin		

1. **Call to Order.** With the consent of the co-chair, Annie Costandi, 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 December 7, 2021** After a brief recap by Dan Albrecht, *Dave Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Annie Costandi to approve the minutes as drafted. MOTION PASSED.*
4. **Update on Clean Water Service Providers for Northern Lake Champlain, Lamoille & Winooski Basin and Act 76 Implementation** Dan Albrecht, Grace Vinson and Dean Pierce provided brief updates on the start-up operations for the CWSPs they administer, Basin 5, Basin 8 and Basin 7, respectively. They are working on setting up project tracking tools and internal policies as well as working on empaneling their Basin Water Quality Councils. Funding for projects would begin to flow in FY23.
5. **Implementation of Municipal Strategies in Basin 7 TBP** Danielle Owczarski noted the recent approval of the 2021 Lamoille River (Basin 7) Tactical Basin Plan. Details can be found at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/watershed-planning/tactical-basin-planning/basin7> She has been holding regular regional coordination meetings with staff of RPCs, WNRCs and watershed groups. Eventually, she will also be working with the Basin 7 Water Quality Council as well. The actions endorsed by the Plan are found in the Strategies (Chapter 4) and the Implementation Table (Chapter 5). Municipal responsibilities are mostly found in the realm of compliance with the Developed Lands sector. She noted that schools falling under the 3-9050 permit will benefit from signing up for the Green Schools Initiative. She also noted that the Lamoille River Paddlers’ Trail is a local group that is improving unstable river access and developing camping and portage opportunities along the Lamoille River.
6. **Planned update to Basin 8 TBP**

1 Karen Bates noted she is starting the update process for the Winooski River (Basin 8) Tactical Basin Plan.
2 The goal is to have a draft completed by June 2023 with final signature by the ANR Secretary in
3 December 2023. She will again rely on the CCRPC to update data on municipal water quality protections,
4 what exists and what is needed, etc. and she will again seek to gather information from CWAC members
5 on their communities' issues & concerns. Like Danielle, she is working with RPCs, NRCs, as well as the
6 Friends of the Mad River and Friends of the Winooski River. She will also work with interested
7 conservation commissions, land trusts, business groups and school/teacher groups. For outreach tools she
8 will use online surveys, story maps, presentations, facilitated discussions. It would be great if you can
9 assist with refining these tools or let me know if you would like to partner on these tools. One particular
10 piece of information she would like is what surface waters need improvement.

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12 Overall, she is looking for the CWAC members to assist in collecting input that will go into the plan. She
13 provided a list of questions (see slides) that CWAC members could address with municipal staff and any
14 municipally supported commissions or boards. Dan will schedule subsequent meeting with Winooski
15 Basin towns to review information collected and draft strategies (this spring?). In the fall, she would plan
16 on presenting draft strategies to the group for continued discussion. She closed asking the following: in
17 terms of the next several months, to address her request, do you need additional information to collect
18 information requested? When should the spring meeting be held to allow for sufficient time to collect
19 information? Do you feel comfortable collecting the information (is there someone else in town that would
20 be more appropriate to collect this information)? Dan noted that she is always welcome to meet with the
21 CWAC. Dan felt in general that municipal concerns have been incorporated into the plans in no small part
22 due to the funding support provided by DEC via the TBP Support grants to RPCs.

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24 Darlene Palola noted that new survey/assessment work is needed at homes along the Huntington River
25 with significant erosion is occurring. Karen said she would plan to meet with her and other residents soon
26 in Huntington and then have a broader discussion about the health of the Huntington River both from a
27 hazard perspective and a water quality perspective. Christine Dougherty thanked Karen for her
28 presentation and said she would need more time to process it with her team and then she will get back to
29 her. Karen thanked her and said she will tidy up the slides and send them out. Dan suggested she get
30 copies of the Phosphorus Control Plan and Flow Restoration Plans to see planned projects for MS4s and
31 conversely municipalities should let Karen know when projects are done because if they are done solely
32 with municipal funds, she may not know about it. Karen concluded noting that she will provide a
33 mechanism to Dan to provide to the members for data collection and then meet with the CWAC. Dan
34 offered to organize a work session with just the members from Basin 8. Lastly, Karen encouraged
35 members to [review the existing 2018 plan and story map](#)

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37 **7. Updates by Staff** Dan noted the CCRPC received several proposals related to Water Quality were
38 received for consideration in the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program. Chris Dubin noted that all the
39 data for non-MS4 towns was uploaded to DEC by the 12/31/21 deadline and he will work with the MS4
40 towns to finalize the upload for their hydrologically-connected assets by the April 1, 2022 deadline. As far
41 as a new inventory effort, Jim Ryan of DEC is staying to sit tight on that until potential changes are made
42 to the original MRGP which was adopted in spring 2018. As that operates on a 5-year cycle, a required
43 new inventory is not likely in the 2022 field season.
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45 **8. Updates by Members and Guests** None.
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47 **9. Items for March 2nd Agenda** No items identified at this time. If members have items they would
48 like addressed to please reach out to Annie or Don or to Dan.
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50 **10. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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52 *Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht*