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Northern Lake Champlain Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) Member's Code of Conduct & Conflict of Interest Policy

Code of Conduct

CWSPs and BWQCs receive and administer ~~members vote to authorize the use of~~ public funds for the purpose of advancing projects to improve water quality of the State's waterbodies held in the public trust. Accordingly, CWSPs and BWQCs shall at all times conduct themselves in a professional manner. More specifically, CWSPs and BWQCs should abide by the following principles:

- All parties should have respect for another's point of view
- All parties should be committed to resolving disputes in a respectful and professional manner
- All parties should be willing to compromise
- Any disputes should be resolved in a fair and timely manner

Each BWQC member empaneled or appointed shall be knowledgeable on clean water topics for the Northern Lake Champlain Basin and shall at all times act in good faith in the discharge of BWQC member.

Conflict of Interest

" Conflict of interest" means an interest, direct or indirect, financial or otherwise, of a person or entity with a CWSP or BWQC decision making role, or such an interest, known to such person, of a member of that person's immediate family or household, or of a business associate, in the outcome of a particular matter pending before the CWSP or BWQC or which is in conflict with the proper discharge of the person's duties under this Rule.

~~In the event that a BWQC member~~

~~a) has a conflict of interest, such person shall declare said interest to the BWQC and CCRPC.~~

Persons engaged in CWSP decision making must disclose any potential conflict of interest and shall recuse themselves from any CWSP decision making subject to that conflict.

~~b)~~ BWQC members that propose~~s~~ to ~~manage and/or~~ implement a clean water project must disclose any potential conflict of interest ~~such person shall declare said interest to the BWQC and CCRPC~~ and shall recuse themselves from any BWQC decision-making subject to that conflict. Notwithstanding these limitations, a conflicted BWQC member may answer questions on the subject project in an open meeting of the BWQC.

No BWQC member shall solicit gifts, payments for services, favors, entertainment, special accommodations, gratuities, or anything with an associated monetary value or gain from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements, subgrants or subcontractors. No BWQC member will accept same in excess of $50.00.

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