

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

DATE: **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**
 SCHEDULED TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 PLACE: 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) | | |
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| Bolton: | Hinesburg: Merrily Lovell | St. George: |
| Buels Gore: | Huntington: | Underhill: |
| Burlington: James Sherrard, arr. 11:21 am | Jericho: Tom Joslin | Westford: |
| Charlotte: Alex Dobbs, Vice-Chair, arr. 11:20 am | Milton: Nicholas Prussock | Williston: Christine Dougherty |
| Colchester: Karen Adams | Richmond: Ravi Venkataraman | Winooski: Ryan Lambert |
| Essex: Annie Costandi, Chair | Shelburne: Chris Robinson | VAOT: Tyler Hanson |
| Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo | South Burlington: Dave Wheeler | VANR: |
| Burlington Airport: Catie Calabrese (EIV) | University of VT: Lani Ravin | CCRPC Board: |
| Friends of the Winooski River: | Lewis Creek Assoc: | Winooski NRCD: Adelaide Dunn |
| Other Attendees: Pat Suozzi, Lake Iroquois Association, Dean Pierce (Basin 7 CWSP), Brian Voigt (Basin 8 CWSP) | | |
| CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Charlie Baker, Anne Nelson Stoner, Sai Sarepalli– arr. 11:27 am | | |

1. **Call to Order.** Chair, Annie Costandi called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
2. **Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda** Costandi asked to move the election of the Vice-Chair to item 4. Albrecht noted that in the update section he will need to solicit two committee members to serve on the FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Committee. Charlie Baker introduced Anne Nelson Stoner, CCRPC Equity & Engagement Manager, which is new position, who introduced herself. Charlie also noted that CCRPC had recently hired Mackenzie Spear as a Business Office Associate and Darren Schibler as a Senior Planner.
3. **Review and action on draft minutes of October 11, 2022** After a brief recap by Albrecht, *Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Adams to approve the minutes as drafted. MOTION PASSED.*
4. **Elect Vice-Chair for FY23** Costandi reported that she spoke with Alex Dobbs who was able to report that he was confirmed as the CWAC member for Charlotte by their Selectboard last week and that he remains interested in serving as Vice-Chair. *Dougherty made a motion, seconded by Adams to approve Alex Dobbs as CWAC Vice-Chair for FY23. MOTION PASSED.*
5. **Presentation on activities & projects of the Lake Iroquois Association (LIA)**
 Pat Suozzi, Board Chair of LIA gave a detailed presentation on the LIA. Topics covered included:
 Basic Information: surround by towns of Williston, St. George, Richmond and Hinesburg; max. depth is 36 feet; originally a small pond, dammed in 1867 to form its current size; public beach and public boat access at north end; has 92 lakefront properties
 LIA founded in 2007 and faced two major problems: high nutrient content and sediment washing into lake and large and spreading Eurasian watermilfoil infestation
 Have undertaken numerous projects to reduce phosphorus and runoff. Several residents have also received the VT DEC Lake Wise Award.

- 1 Have undertaken numerous projects to address Eurasian watermilfoil.
 2 Do lots of education, outreach and fun activities to raise funds and increase awareness of LIA and
 3 issues
 4 Results: great increase from 2019 thru 2022 in # of boats using hotwash to prevent invasives;
 5 successful nesting years for a loon pair from 2018-2022; 14 of 92 properties certified as Lake Wise
 6 Awardees; a lot less milfoil in 2022 thanks to herbicide treatment; declines in phosphorus levels;
 7 Outreach & Education links for LIA include: <https://www.lakeiroquois.org/>;
 8 <https://www.lakeiroquois.org/news/newsletters>; <https://www.lakeiroquois.org/water/shoreline-health>;
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 10 https://www.lakeiroquois.org/fileadmin/files/Annual_Reports/Plans/Lake_Iroquois_Association_Management_Plan_2020-2025.pdf?1d5658947a04f6a0033818d1a9a3dbb48abaff26
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 12 Some upcoming new activities include the 3rd year of an Ice-Out Challenge, working with WNRCD
 13 and LCA on a watershed action plan grant and grant applications and match fund raising for the Beebe
 14 Lane Stormwater Improvement Project in partnership with the four-town Lake Iroquois Recreation
 15 District.
 16 Members thanked her for her excellent presentation. In response to a query, she noted that LIA is
 17 petitioning ANR to address the issue of wake boat use in the lake. She can be reached at
 18 pasuozzi@gmail.com.
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 20 **6. Overview of Water Quality projects in CCRPC FY23 Work Program** Albrecht gave a quick
 21 rundown of all of the various projects in the CCRPC annual work program that have a water quality
 22 component as follows:

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| Huntington Land Use Regulations & Water/Wastewater & Planning |
| Westford Water/Wastewater Planning |
| 604(B) Water Quality Project |
| All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update |
| Water Quality - Non-transportation |
| Regional Stormwater Education Program (RSEP) & Chittenden County Stream Team (CCST) |
| ANR TBP Outreach: FY22 Grant |
| ANR TBP Outreach: FY23 Grant |
| Water Quality - Transportation (Regional) |
| Water Quality - Transportation (Local Projects) |
| Right-of-Way Condition Inventory for Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility – Phase 1 (Burl) |
| Essex Stormwater CCTV Inspection - Phase 2 |
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| Inspection and Inventory of Existing Stormwater System in Winooski (Phase 2) |
| MRGP & Outfall Improvement Plan |
| Asset Management Software BMPs |
| Westford Village Stormwater Treatment Assessment |
| Colchester Phosphorous Control Plan Update - Phase 1 |
| Essex Phosphorus Control Plan Treatment Practices |
| Milton Allen Brook Stormwater/Watershed Assessment |
| Shelburne Stormwater Plan Update and Conceptual Designs |
| Stormwater Asset Data Update |
| Clean Water Service Provider Phase 1 |
| Clean Water Service Provider Phase 2 |
| Clean Water Service Provider Phase 3 |
| CWSP Formula Grant Administration |
| CWSP Formula Grant Project Management |

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| GIA - FY22 BMP |
| GIA - FY22 Equipment |
| DI Block Grant - Burlington/CHT/Pomerleau 3 acre project |

1 He noted that the ones in yellow are funded by CCRPC’s MPO Federal Highway dollars and are
 2 projects that Towns submitted as part of their UPWP requests and noted which staffer (he, Chris Dubin
 3 or Sai Sarepalli) manages the projects. The water/wastewater planning efforts are funded by their
 4 ACCD dollars and managed by Taylor Newton. Other projects such as TBP Outreach, Clean Water
 5 Service Provider, Grants-In-Aid and DI Block Grant are funded by grants mostly from DEC.

6 **7. Update on Clean Water Service Providers for Northern Lake Champlain, Lamoille & Winooski**
 7 **Basin and Act 76 Implementation**

8 Dean Pierce, Basin 7: Pierce noted they are reviewing responses to their RFQ for Subgrantee Partners.
 9 We just released an RFQ for Contractor Engineering Firm and Construction Firms. The next Basin 7
 10 WQ Council meeting is December 2nd and we will be working on a solicitation for projects which will
 11 likely be issued in January.

12 Brian Voigt, Basin 8. Our B8 WQ Council has had some turnover in members, so the replacements.
 13 Our last meeting and our next meeting will continue to focus on the issue of co-benefits. We plan to
 14 issue an RFQ for Subgrantee Partners in the coming weeks and also hope to solicit for projects in the
 15 new year. He noted that he used his 604b grant to do a deeper dive on old reports for Basin 8 in order
 16 to clean up a list of potential project locations and then turn it into an interactive website for use by
 17 Council members and others.

18 Dan Albrecht, Basin 5: We have prequalified several engineering firms and several subgrantee
 19 partners. The Basin 5 WQ Council has adopted several policies: conflict-of-interest, operating policies
 20 and procedures, and public participation policy. We are thinking of some sort of pre-proposals process
 21 so applicants can do some initial groundwork and then BWQC can then review and ask for a formal
 22 proposal. We are still working on a co-benefits scoring rubric and we continue to work with DEC and
 23 other CWSPs on how to score a project for its phosphorus reduction benefit. Hopefully, we can get
 24 some design dollars out the door in the next few months.

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 26 **8. Updates by Staff, Members and Guests** Albrecht noted that everybody should keep an eye out
 27 for UPWP application materials which will likely go out on November 18th with replies due back by
 28 January 20th. Marshall Distel, CCRPC staff, needs two volunteers from the CWAC to serve on the
 29 UPWP Committee. Dave Wheeler and Annie Costandi volunteered themselves. Alex Dobbs thanked
 30 everyone for their appointment of him as Vice-Chair and said he would try to do a good job.

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 32 **9. Items for December 6th meeting agenda** Presentation by Lewis Creek Association and perhaps
 33 Basin 8 TBP update

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 35 **10. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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 37 *Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht*