

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

DATE: **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**
 SCHEDULED TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 PLACE: In-person @ 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:	Hinesburg: Merrily Lovell	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill: Nick Atherton (11:17)
Burlington:	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte:	Milton: Lisa Schaeffler	Williston: Christine Dougherty
Colchester: Karen Adams (11:20)	Richmond:	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, Chair	Shelburne:	VAOT: Tyler Hanson (11:22)
Essex Junction:	South Burlington: Dave Wheeler	VANR:
Burlington Airport: Catie Calabrese (EIV)	University of VT: Claire Forbes	CCRPC Board:
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc:	Winooski NRCDC:
Other Attendees: Dean Pierce (Basin 7 CWSP), Brian Voigt (Basin 8 CWSP); Keith Fritschie & Karen Bates, DEC; Amy Macrellis, Stone Environmental)		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Taylor Newton, Chris Dubin, Sai Sarepalli		

1. **Call to Order.** Chair, Annie Costandi called the meeting to order at 11:02 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 December 6, 2022.** After a brief recap by Albrecht, *Dougherty made a motion, seconded by Lambert to approve the minutes as drafted with a correction to note that Darlena Palola was present. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.*
4. **Report on current Winooski River Basin (8) Tactical Basin Plan Update, Keith Fritschie**
 Tactical Basin Plans (TBP) are Surface Water Management Plan required by VT Clean Water Act. The plan includes geographically specific actions to address water quality degradation. The plan is focused on reducing major pollutants/stressors including nutrients, toxins, pathogens, invasive species, altered flows, and temperature produced by five major sectors: agriculture, developed lands – stormwater, developed lands – roads, wastewater, and natural resource restoration. A major goal of the project is to achieve the TMDL for Lake Champlain.

 The update to the Basin 8 TBP started in 2022. Most of the year focused on gathering information. Hope to finish first draft of the plan by July 2023. This would be followed by public comment on the plan. The likely date for CCRPC review is August and September. Adoption is anticipated by December 2023.

 DEC with help of RPC distributed a public survey in the fall to obtain input from residents on what they think the top issues are. They have received about sixty responses and definitely did see a boost in responses when it was promoted to towns via Front Porch Forum. Costandi asked when the survey was originally distributed. D. Albrecht said that the survey was distributed in the fall of 2022. D. Albrecht said he will redistribute to CWAC. [Editor's note: [see survey link here](#):]

 He encouraged members to look at the current 2018 Plan especially the strategies noted in the “Implementation Table” to help form their thoughts when they take the survey. [Editor’s note: see

1 plan here,

2 <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/watershed-planning/tactical-basin-planning/basin8>

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4 Dougherty asked about the graph and what makes up the “river” portion of reduced TMDL. Fritschie
5 stated that it is looking at the result of floodplain enhancements and easements.
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7 **5. Update on operations of Clean Water Service Providers for Basins 5, 7 and 8**

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9 Pierce (Basin 7) stated that the CWSP issued the first call for application in Basin 7. Still working on
10 FAQs. Hope to meet with some possible applicants to meet one-on-one with CWSP staff.

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12 Voight (Basin 8) noted they’ve spent a lot of time reviewing co-benefits evaluation process. The
13 CWSP signed an amendment to their startup contracts to have the CWSP go through training for
14 operations and maintenance.

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16 Albrecht (Basin 5) said they received three applications in response to call for applications that ended
17 on February 3rd. They are all design level at this point and not for construction. Will meet later this
18 month to evaluate proposals.
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20 **6. Updates by Staff**

21 Albrecht mentioned that the UPWP process has begun.
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23 Dubin discussed road erosion inventories. Mentioned that all field data inventories will need to use
24 VTrans app. He also mentioned that a lot of the focus this spring will be on training to ensure that new
25 road erosion inventories are done correctly. Chris Dubin also mentioned that he is beginning to reach
26 out to communities about MS4 reporting.
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28 **7. Items for March 8th meeting agenda**

29 March meeting may be cancelled. TBD.
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31 **10. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.
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Respectfully submitted, Taylor Newton and Dan Albrecht