

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MS4 SUBCOMMITTEE
 OF CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**
 SCHEDULED TIME: 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: In-person @ CCRPC office and online via Zoom
 DOCUMENTS: Minutes, documents discussed, and presentations accessible at:
<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/meetings/clean-water-advisory-committee/>

Committee Members in Attendance (all attending online unless otherwise noted)		
Burlington: James Sherrard	Burlington Airport: Catie Calabrese (EIV)	Williston: Christine Dougherty
Colchester: Karen Adams	Milton: Lisa Schaeffler	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, co-chair	Shelburne:	VAOT: Jennifer Callahan, Tyler Hanson
Essex Junction:	South Burlington: Dave Wheeler	Univ. of VT: Claire Forbes
DEC: Sam Hughes		
Other Attendees: Winooski NRCD: Adelaide Dumm; Pluck: Dave Barron; Probolsky Research: Adam Probolsky and Katie Thompson; Dave Allerton-Town of St. Albans, Gianna Petito, Sam Hughes, Bill – Town of Rutland, Chip Sawyer, City of St. Albans; DEC: Keith Fritschie, Karen Bates, Gianni Petito, Rachel Wood, Emily Schelley, and Emily Bird; DEC/LC Sea Grant: Jill Sarazen		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Chris Dubin, Sai Sarepalli, Taylor Newton		

1. Changes to the Agenda and Public Comments on Items not on agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Annie Costandi. No changes to the agenda were made. No public comments were made.

2. Review and approval of minutes (January 3, 2023)

Albrecht recapped the draft minutes. Costandi mentioned that item number 5 needs to be amended to include staff updates.

On a motion by Adams, with second by Dougherty, the minutes of January 3, 2023, with minor corrections to be made by Albrecht, were approved unanimously.

3. Update on current 2023 Stormwater Awareness Resident Survey

Probolsky provided an overview of survey responses. Over 500 responses to survey from multiple forms (online, phone, text). Some highlights of the results included:

- Majority associate stormwater runoff with residential/commercial and agricultural landscapes.
- 47% think Lake Champlain is more polluted than ten years ago.
- 55% think that stormwater runs into the nearest bodies of water without being treated
- About 79% of respondents indicated that their personal actions affect water quality in Lake Champlain.
- Most respondents don't use fertilizer but of those that do, only 13.8% do so in the fall.
- Reported picking up of dog waste similar to previous years, around 80%
- Over 90% of respondents have not heard of Rethink Runoff.

Albrecht said that we'll have Probolsky Research back when the draft report is released. He will also provide them the raw data from the 2003 and 2008 surveys for further comparison as there are a few questions from then that were also asked in 2023.

4. Report on Planned MS4 Community Formula Grants

Wood provided an overview of the statutory context of the program. The goal of the program is to assist MS4 communities to meet the requirements of their phosphorus control plans (PCPs). Program can fund design/implementation of stormwater projects.

1 Formula is a base award of \$200,000 to each community. Remaining budget is based on formula. About
2 \$7.4 million total program. Funding from state funding and ARPA. Tentative award amounts between
3 \$200,000 and \$900,000. There is a 50% leverage requirement (match).

4 Enrollment in the program would include an initial award estimate and grant agreement draft. Every
5 agreement needs an estimate of phosphorus reduction. May be a second round of enrollment if some
6 communities opt out. Grant execution will follow. Will finalize enrollment in May-June 2023. Project
7 must be completed by October 2026 and all funds expended by December 2026. Will provide an in-depth
8 training with VT Division for Historic Preservation on March 8 from 2-3:30.

9 Dougherty asked if the project needs to be in the project watershed database. The answer was yes. She
10 indicated she is somewhat uncomfortable moving forward with any projects as the Phosphorus Control
11 Plans are still not yet approved. Schelley indicated DEC hopes to get those approvals issued in the coming
12 months.

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14 **5. Review and Vote on draft 2022 MCM#1 Annual Report from Pluck**

15 Barron said that most of this year was focused on maintenance levels of advertising in usual media
16 with Facebook being the most common. He introduced search-based ads this past year. Ad interaction rate
17 is starting to go up. Next year will re-rollout new creative. Likes and social media visits are up. He is
18 putting together the ad buy for this spring and summer. Going to avoid broadcast and focus on radio and
19 web. Our limited dollars go farther on digital platforms.

20 *Adams motioned to approve the 2022 MCM#1 Annual Report, seconded by Dougherty. The report was*
21 *approved unanimously with no abstentions.*

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23 **6. Review and Vote on draft 2022 MCM#2 Annual Report from WNRCD**

24 Dumm recapped the annual report related to outreach, projects, and water quality monitoring.

25 *Schaeffler motioned to approve the 2022 MCM#2 Annual Report, seconded by Adams. The report was*
26 *approved unanimously with no abstentions.*

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28 **7. Review and Approve 2023 RR Stream Team Workplan**

29 Dumm reviewed the proposed work plan for 2023.

30 *Adams motioned to approve the work plan for 2023, seconded by Costandi. The report was approved*
31 *with no abstentions and one nay vote from Dougherty.*

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33 **8. Recommendation on vendor selection by CCRPC for MCM#2 Effort**

34 Albrecht recapped the submitted bid from WNRCD which was the only one received in response to
35 the RFP posted by CCRPC for several weeks on www.vermontbidsystem.com and the CCRPC website.

36 *Costandi motioned to authorize CCRPC to issue the contract with WNRCD, seconded by Lambert. The*
37 *motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.*

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39 **9. Staff, member, and guest updates**

40 Costandi noted that as reported at the CWAC meeting this morning Chris Dubin of CCRPC will be
41 working to provide MRGP related data to members to use in their Annual Reports.

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43 **10. Items for Wednesday, March 8th meeting**

44 Receive final report from Probolsky.

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46 **11. Adjournment**

47 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:41 p.m.

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49 *Respectfully submitted, Taylor Newton and Dan Albrecht*
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