

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

DATE: **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**  
 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/>

<b>Committee Members in Attendance</b> (all online unless otherwise noted)		
Bolton:	Hinesburg:	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Darlene Palola	Underhill:
Burlington: James Sherrard (arr. 11:21 a.m.)	Jericho:	Westford:
Charlotte: Alex Dobbs, (arr. 11:12 a.m.)	Milton: Lisa Schaeffler	Williston: Christine Dougherty
Colchester: Brett McCreary	Richmond:	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, Chair	Shelburne:	VAOT:
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo, Claire Contreras (intern)	South Burlington: Dave Wheeler, Marisa Rorabaugh	VANR:
BTV Airport: Catie Calabrese (EIV), Madison Regan (intern)	University of VT: Lani Ravin	CCRPC Board:
Friends of the Winooski River:	Lewis Creek Assoc:	Winooski NRCD:
<b>Other Attendees:</b> Dean Pierce (Basin 7 CWSP); Jill Sarazen, Keith Fritschie, Karen Bates, DEC;		
<b>CCRPC Staff:</b> Dan Albrecht, Sarah Muskin		

1. **Call to Order.** Chair, Annie Costandi called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Albecht introduced Sarah Muskin, CCRPC’s newly-hired planner. She is working remote for now and will move here in the fall. She introduced herself. She just completed a Master’s in Public Health. Prior to that she worked with various watershed / river keeper groups out west and just here to learn. Albrecht introduced the members and DEC staff to Muskin.
2. **Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda** No changes.
3. **Review and action on draft minutes of June 6, 2023.** After a brief recap by Albrecht, *Mandigo made a motion, seconded by Wheeler to approve the minutes as drafted with a minor correction to the spelling of Hatseliuk first name to read Mariaa. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.*
4. **Review of Executive Summary, Implementation and Monitoring Tables, and Municipal Protectiveness Table for Draft 2023 Winooski Tactical Basin Plan,** Keith Fritschie, DEC Basin 8 Planner delivered a presentation (see PDF at Committee webpage). Right now they are in the process of collecting feedback from municipalities, RPCs and other partners to incorporate into the formal draft which will be released to the public in October. Basin plans use the following format of five chapters: 1-Basin Overview, 2-Protection priorities, 3-Restoration priorities, 4-Strategies by sector and 5-Implementation table and Monitoring and Assessment table. A great resource to identify projects in the Basin is the [Clean Water Project Explorer](#). He asked towns and RPCs to 1) review the implementation table and check if “your town is erroneously included/excluded from any particular strategy?” 2) review the municipal protection table and check if “any fields from your town seem incorrect, and would other information be useful to you in this table in future iterations?”  
  
 Some key stats for the Basin: 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in VT, 50 towns, 1300 stream miles, 73%-forest, 9%-ag and 3%-developed. The plan has 52 clean water strategies and 65 monitoring priorities. Water quality is assessed via several types of metrics (e.g. fisheries, macro-invertebrates, wetlands, lakes, etc.).

1 Numerous streams are proposed for re-classification. In Chittenden County, three streams (Mill Brook  
2 in Jericho, Preston Brook, Duck Brook and Joiner Brook are proposed for an “upgrade” to B1-Fishing  
3 which would afford them more protection. In terms of reclassification of wetlands, see page 12 of the  
4 PDF, 6 areas are proposed for further study with 5 of those being in Chittenden County. Restoration  
5 priorities are TMDL rivers and Impaired (303-d) rivers. The plan describes phosphorus generation by  
6 each sub-watershed in the basin. The plan describes each of the strategies for each sector (Agriculture,  
7 Developed Lands-Stormwater, Developed Lands-Roads, Wastewater and Natural Resource  
8 Restoration and he noted some of the examples for each. He noted that for Developed Lands there will  
9 be a big lift needed, i.e. in voluntary projects, to meet the TMDL goal beyond what is projected to be  
10 achieved the MRGP, the 3-acre permit and the efforts of the MS4s and the TS4.

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12 As a reminder, please review the implementation and municipal protection tables and send comments  
13 to [keith.fritschie@vermont.gov](mailto:keith.fritschie@vermont.gov) by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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15 Questions/comments by member and CCRPC staff were as follows:

16 -Sherrard: any p-reduction credit for protection of private land along streams via Streamwise or  
17 Burlington’s work for via Blue BTV? Answer: potentially if has an easement and good plantings.  
18 Sarazen noted that Blue BTV promotes disconnection of downspouts, dry wells, more vegetation, rain  
19 gardens, porous pavement, etc.

20 -Palola: what about croplands? Answer: all depends on Agency of Agriculture, Farms & Markets to  
21 approve. DEC will work with AAFM. AAFM will use \$ for outreach with farmers and NRCDs will  
22 also be key partners in that effort.

23 -Bates: just want to note that update to Basin 5 TBP will begin soon with a planned completion by  
24 December 2024.

25 -Palola: she is really impressed with the Plan.

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27 **5. Update on operations of Clean Water Service Providers for Basins 5, 7 and 8** Palola (the  
28 CCRPC representative on the Basin 8 Water Quality Council) noted that they met on July 20<sup>th</sup>. They  
29 chose not to fund the CCRPC proposal addressing runoff on a private road. They did chose to fund the  
30 design for removal of large berm on the Mad River which has really high phosphorus reduction  
31 potential.

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33 Pierce (Basin 7) said the Lamoille Basin Council met on July 21<sup>st</sup>. They chose to fund 4 applications  
34 and discussed conflict of interest policy.

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36 Albrecht (Basin 5) noted that the Basin 5 Council met on July 20<sup>th</sup> and heard a pre-proposal by NRPC  
37 to investigate potential project related to private roads in the Islands. Our deadline for our current grant  
38 round is August 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be another proposal round announced soon with applications due in  
39 October or November. Three subgranted projects are up and running: two in Georgia (one off of Mill  
40 River Road, the other on Falls Trail), one in Shelburne on McCabe’s Brook near Vermont Teddy Bear  
41 Factory. CCRPC is managing one project and has hired Fitzgerald Environmental to identify potential  
42 in-stream projects in Allen Brook and Malletts Creek in Milton and Colchester and Stonebridge Brook  
43 and Mill River

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45 **6. Updates by Staff, Members or Guests** None.

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47 **7. Items for September 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting** Turf/lawn management presentation by Cornell professor; update  
48 on Road Erosion Inventory work by CCRPC.

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50 **8. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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52 *Respectfully submitted, Dan Albrecht*  
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