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

DATE: **Tuesday, October 6, 2026**
SCHEDULED TIME: 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: online via Zoom and in person at CCRPC
DOCUMENTS: Minutes, documents, and presentations discussed accessible at: http://www.ccrpcvt.org/meetings/clean-water-advisory-committee/

Committee Members in Attendance: all in-person unless otherwise noted		
Bolton:	Hinesburg:	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington:	Underhill:
Burlington: Eleonore Walker	Jericho: Tom Joslin (VICE CHAIR)	Westford:
Charlotte: Alexa Lewis	Milton:	Williston: Lisa Cicchetti
Colchester:	Richmond: Keith Oborne	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi (CHAIR), Lea Sanguinetti	Shelburne: Rachel Tobler	CCRPC Board: Bruce Wilson
Essex Junction: Tyler Marshall	South Burlington: Caroline Foley, Garrett Walsh	
Other Attendees: Karen Bates (DEC), Lincoln Frasca (CVRPC), Michael Miller, Dean Pierce (NRPC)		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Chris Dubin, Darren Schibler		

1. Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda
No changes were made to the draft agenda. No public comments were made.

2. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for FY27 (ACTION)
Annie Costandi and Tom Joslin are OK with staying on as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. *Rachel T made a motion to re-elect these positions. Keith O seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.*

3. Review & approve minutes (Sept. 1) (ACTION
Dan A reviewed the Sept 1 minutes. Lisa C and Lea S informed Dan of some minor corrections. *Rachel T made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes to attendance, and Lisa C seconded the motion. Bruce W abstains. Motion carries.*

4. Draft Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan (Basin 7 TBP):

a) Quick recap (see PDF at committee webpage [*]) with focus on strategies-Karen Bates, DEC): link to current TBP story map (INFORMATION)

Dan A gave a little overview of the main three strategies elements of this plan.
Karen B gave an overview of the Tactical basin plan. Our partners are really where the work gets done. This is often funded through state, non-profit, and state funding. Our strategies are broken into 5 groups, Natural resource restoration, wastewater, developed lands (roads and Stormwater). Our work is prioritized towards Agriculture, driven by the Lake Champlain TMDL Phosphorus goal. We certainly have a lot of work to do on developed lands and roads. Good news is we have achieved the Forest category TMDL goals. Re: agriculture – looking for partner collaboration to enact various BMPs like rotational grazing, manure injection, cover cropping, and others. For Developed Land – we just need to treat that water before it meets waterways of the state. We usually identify these town by town. Regarding roads - we have the Municipal Roads General Permit, but we need to look past that to private roads. We are in the process of developing these protocols. Also looking to manage winter maintenance (salt) usage. Regarding wastewater – we continue to do outreach about potential village wastewater solutions, as well as work with lake associations to enhance onsite wastewater management on lakes. For rivers, it's all about stream channel restoration and floodplain reconnection projects. For Lakes, we

complete an assessment process for lake protection efforts. We can enhance protection of waterbodies through a re-classification process.

b) Comments from public and/or CWAC members to DEC on draft Plan

Karen reviewed the official comment submittal process. Dan A asked about some of the public meetings and what the feedback was like. Karen B said we had very little to no substantial comments. No comment on the draft Plan was made by those present at the meeting.

c) Review and comment on proposed CCRPC Board Letter [*] determining conformance of Draft Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan with CCRPC Regional Plan (ACTION)

Dan A reviewed the drafted conformance letter. *Eleonore Walker made a motion that the CWAC approves of the letter of conformance as drafted, with Lisa C seconding. Motion carries unanimously.*

5. Clean Water Service Providers: update on recent activities (INFO)

a) Basin 8 update

Lincoln F – BWQC approved funding for a VLT floodplain restoration project in Jericho. We have many project development efforts including culvert replacements, buffer plantings, and floodplain restorations. This includes a potential restoration project at Randall Meadows in Waterbury (a FEMA buyout property) through the work of the Winooski Flood Resilience Collaborative.

b) Basin 7 update

Dean P – BWQC had their annual meeting in September in which they elected officers. Council met again in September to amend budgets, and policy issues. We are going to be launching a new round of funding with a deadline in November. We are in our renewal phase, and working through the application/self assessment process defined by DEC. Also have had some involvement in basin planning. Looking to help DEC understand what projects may have been funded using non-DEC funds.

c) Basin 5 update

Dan A – projects have wrapped up at the Two Heroes Brewery Floodplain restoration project. The Pelots point road shoreline stabilization project is about to begin, and our big project Lake Forest HOA stormwater project is well underway. Dan A showed some pictures of the progress at the Lake Forest HAO site. In December they will begin to install the big outlet filter which adds 10 kilograms of phosphorus reduction capability.

6. Updates by members and guests

None

7. Set next meeting date (November 3, December 1)

Annie suggested skipping the 11/3 date and meeting again on December 1st. The CWAC agreed.

8. Adjourn

Annie C adjourned the meeting at 11:54am.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Dubin and Dan Albrecht