CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: **Tuesday, September 1, 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: Merrily Lovell	St. George:
Buels Gore:	Huntington: Jennifer Esser	Underhill:
Burlington:	Jericho: Tom Joslin	Westford:
Charlotte: Alexa Lewis	Milton: Allyssa Downs	Williston: Lisa Cicchetti, Christine Dougherty
Colchester: Elizabeth Ruzzoli	Richmond:	Winooski: Ryan Lambert
Essex: Annie Costandi, CHAIR, Lea Sanguinetti	Shelburne: Shayne Geiger, Rachel Tobler	CCRPC Board:
Essex Junction: Chelsea Mandigo, Tyler Marshall	South Burlington: Caroline Foley, Garret Walsh	
Other Attendees: Karen Bates (DEC) Keith Fritschie (DEC), Claire Rock (UVM) , Lorna Peters (NRPC), Jill Sarazen (LCSG/DEC),Michael Miller-?, Chip Sawyer (City of Saint Albans), Luce Hillman (Town of Shelburne)		
CCRPC Staff: Dan Albrecht, Chris Dubin		

1. Changes to the Agenda and public comments on items not on the agenda

No changes to the agenda were made and there were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

2. Review and approve minutes (June 2nd, 2026 meeting) (ACTION)

Shayne Geiger made a motion to approve the minutes, and Garret W seconded. The minutes as drafted were approved unanimously.

3. Lamoille (Basin 7 TBP) update: strategies, status, timeline, etc. (presentation and discussion) - Karen Bates, DEC):): link to current TPB and Story Map

Karen B presented updates strategies, status, and timeline of the Lamoille TBP. We are now at the draft plan. Karen gave an overview of the planning process. We are at the point of doing public engagement and outreach. We are looking to hold public meetings in October. We have many regional partners. The NRCDs are very prevalent in this basin. Will be presenting at other RPCs, BWQCs, etc. Main problems in Basin 7 are Phosphorus/Sediment, as well as unstable river systems. The two approaches of protection are a) reclassification or designation and b) easements river buffers and corridors. The restoration strategies are mainly state funding, but include voluntary action. Strategies are organized by land use type, or wastewater. TMDL is a critical component of this plan. Karen showed a graph of Phosphorus reduction by sector. Comments should be sent by October 3rd, 2026.

4. Update on progress of legislature's "Study Committee on Stormwater Management and Creation of Regional Stormwater Utility District" (information) – Dan Albrecht-CCRPC and Study Committee members, Christine Dougherty-Williston and Luce Hillman-Shelburne Study Committee member, will present. See materials from their August 18th meeting (especially the draft report starting on page 15) and the attached minutes. [*]

Dan A. reviewed the Regional SW Utility Committee efforts thus far. Christine D introduced herself. Christine reviewed the draft report. The estimated impact if multiple regional utilities were set up is about $250 million. It's a large cost to a small amount of members. These Phosphorus reductions are part of the TMDL. Christine summarized the tasks listed in the bill. Study was looking at what level of government should a utility exist, and a bunch of other existential questions, like what would be the most feasible approach to doing this. Luce H talked about a lot of the what-ifs associated with this potential utility. There are significant costs to the administrative side of things. Are we better off putting this money into projects? We need to make sure we are using the state money wisely. Should we be looking at locations that are under the 3-acre rule, but have no treatment? Dan A – we *could* act as administrators but there are pros and cons of that. Other suggestions from the committee are to have watershed based utilities, or just have the state take the lead on this. Deadline is we need to have a report complete by January 2027. Christine reviewed some of the example utilities across the country that the committee looked at. Claire R – are CCRPC or VAPDA organizing comments from their committees/municipalities? Dan A – not yet, but we could do that in the future.

5. Clean Water Service Providers: update on recent activities

a) Basin 7 update (Peters) Lorna – We had our annual meeting in July. I just started in June, but please take a look at our website.

b) Basin 8 update – No CVRPC staff available. Albrecht noted they were supporting several planting projects in Huntington and another committee member noted they are supporting a project off Cheesefactory Road near the Shelburne / South Burlington line.

c) Basin 5 update (Albrecht) Construction is starting on the big white whale project at the Lake Forest Condos. 30 kg of P for about $600,000. We have some good projects in the islands as well. Rolling applications every month.

6. Updates by members and guests.

No other updates

7. Set Next Meeting Date

Maybe November/December?

8. Adjournment: Annie C adjourned the meeting at 12:!5 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Dubin and Dan Albrecht