

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 9, 2020**

A meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Clean Water Advisory Committee was held remotely on April 9, 2020 via GoTo Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and adhering to social distancing guidelines by the State of Vermont.

Committee Members Present:

Amy Hornblas – CWAC Chair, Cabot/Board of Commissioners  
Larry Becker- Middlesex Conservation Commission  
John Hoogenboom – Moretown Selectboard (on phone)  
Joyce Manchester – Moretown TAC (on phone)  
Russ Barrett – Northfield Conservation Commission  
Ron Krauth – Middlesex/Board of Commissioners  
John Brabant – Calais/Board of Commissioners  
Dona Bate – Montpelier City Council

Committee Members Absent:

Rich Turner – Williamstown Planning Commission/Board of Commissioners  
Stewart Clark – Worcester Planning Commission  
Michele Braun – Friends of Winooski River  
Karen Bates – ANR  
Corrie Miller – Friends of the Mad River  
Brian Shupe – Friends of the Mad River  
Gianna Petito - Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District

Others Present:

CVRPC Staff: Pam DeAndrea

**CALL TO ORDER**

Amy Hornblas called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13 MINUTES**

John H. made a motion to approve minutes. Dona seconded. Ron abstained. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 12 MINUTES**

Amy made a motion to approve minutes. Dona seconded. Ron abstained. Motion carried.

**CWAC LETTER STAFF REVISION – Amy Hornblas, Chair and Pam DeAndrea**

No Quorum. Remove the word heavy on page 2 Number 2, recommendations, under policies and regulation – needed to add in the word “heavy” instead of “all”.to make those

Russ – from someone from the forestry community reading it. Sounds like we don’t know what we are talking about. Anyone under 40 acres, does not need an intent to cut. Department of Forests, Parks and Rec. We really need to contact a forester to provide us with the right information. It is the legislature that would change the regulation not FPR.

Dona – we should not go into more detail with this.

Amy – Suggested that Russ and John work on a revision for the next meeting?

John H. – That would be ok but it would delay us.

John B. – This is implying that there is no regulation on lots that have acreage on less than 40 acres. Current use has oversight regulations and so do Forest Blocks. Generalization is not fully accurate. Maybe we should add into the comment those properties that are in current use.

Amy – John H. if we cut this from the letter, would you still vote for it?

John H. – I could be agreeable to that. Has been witnessed to a landowner clear cutting an area and caused significant erosion. Now that we have larger storms, we have more issues. Landowners are not following AMPs.

Russ- it’s a complaint-based system, so if no one complains, it doesn’t get addressed.

John B. – That is the case with all environmental regulations.

Amy – Propose that we cut that number 2. John H made a motion. Russ seconded. Motion carried.

John Brabant made a motion that we pass the letter as amended. Dona seconded. Motion carried.

**CWAC RULES OF PROCEDURE REVISION**

Talked about revising the voting membership of the following organizations: WNRCD, FMR, FWR. They are not attending. We would keep them as members so as to encourage them to keep coming to our meetings, but make them non-voting so it would not hinder conducting business. That would leave 9 voting members.

Larry – would want the advisory role to be changed to remove the “where possible” from science-based.

Dona, John B. and Ron thought we should leave it in since it gives a little flexibility if there is not hard evidence for the advisory.

John H. – Should we just remove the second and third sentences under advisory role? John H. move that we remove these sentences, Dona seconded. Motion carried.

Dona made a motion to revise the memberships of the three organizations WNRCD, FMR, and FWR become non-voting members and to add the word “voting” to members in the first sentence under attendance and quorum. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CWSP Proposal update. Pam informed the committee that the Executive committee approved for CVRPC to submit a proposal. Pam will share proposal with CWAC when it is ready and invite them to another meeting for the end of April most likely.

1 **SCHEDULE**

2 Next meeting is scheduled for May 14. Basin 14 TBP review and comment. Will need to look  
3 through the Basin Plan prior to the meeting and provide comments to be incorporated into  
4 comments to ANR.

5 Do you still want Jon Kim from VGS remotely to do a presentation remotely? The consensus  
6 was yes. Pam will reach out to Jon and see if he can do that and ask if he can send his  
7 presentation ahead of time.

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9 Amy will reach out to Stew to see how he is.

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11 Meeting adjourned at 5: 15 pm.