A meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission’s Clean Water Advisory Committee was held remotely on June 11, 2020 via Zoom 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
Dona Bate – Montpelier City Council
Larry Becker – Middlesex Conservation Commission
John Hoogenboom – Moretown Selectboard
Joyce Manchester – Moretown TAC
Ron Krauth – Middlesex/Board of Commissioners

Committee Members Absent:
Rich Turner – Williamstown Planning Commission/Board of Commissioners
Stewart Clark – Worcester Planning Commission
Michele Braun – Friends of Winooski River
Corrie Miller – Friends of the Mad River
Brian Shupe – Friends of the Mad River
Gianna Petito – Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District
Karen Bates – ANR
Russ Barrett – Northfield Conservation Commission
John Brabant – Calais/Board of Commissioners

Others Present:
CVRPC Staff: Pam DeAndrea

CALL TO ORDER
Amy Hornblas called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
None.

APPROVAL OF MAY 14 MINUTES
John was in attendance not on phone. John’s comment about roads – he wanted to clarify that money that is spent is overdoing a bit and cost of materials may not be necessary; may not have to be rock lined in all places. Did not have a quorum so minutes were not voted on.
CWAC RULES OF PROCEDURE REVISION
The CWAC was fine with the changes but was not able to vote since didn’t have a quorum.

DRAFT BASIN 14 TACTICAL BASIN PLAN COMMENTS
Joyce: questioned how many plans and how many planners? Seems like this would be exhaustive to do the same plan in all these different basins.

Pam – they are using a consistent template across the basins now and adjusting for basin specific strategies and goals

Ron – yes, they need to have common goals.

Joyce - Would be easier to know what makes this plan different from another.

Dona – table 1 talks about focus area and strategies

Larry – is there a way to focus on the towns in the basin? He had questions about what main strategies are for the two towns

Pam – main strategies are reclassification of headwater streams in Orange and Washington. Lee of Orange has provided comments to me on the River Corridor by-laws and how his town would not have the capacity to administer and enforce such a by-law.

Dona – the conformance letter seems like it just points out how the plan conforms with everything and does not point out its weaknesses

Amy – seems like it is very boiler plate

Joyce – it would be interesting to know how this basin ranks among other basins in the state

Joyce – Story map should have an executive summary

Dona – first bullet point in conformance letter is a stretch.

Joyce – colors on Figure 1 should be more distinct to show differences. Should have different colors for different issues on restoration/protection

John – like the last bullet point in the conformance letter referring to forest fragmentation

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS
CWAC letter will go to Board on July 7.

SCHEDULE
Next meeting: September 10, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.