

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
2 **CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
3 **November 12, 2020**

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5 A meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Clean Water Advisory  
6 Committee was held remotely on November 12, 2020 via GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19  
7 pandemic and adhering to social distancing guidelines by the State of Vermont.

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9 Committee Members Present:

10 Amy Hornblas – CWAC Chair, Cabot/Board of Commissioners (on phone)  
11 Dona Bate – Montpelier City Council  
12 Larry Becker- Middlesex Conservation Commission  
13 Joyce Manchester – Moretown TAC  
14 Ron Krauth – Middlesex/Board of Commissioners  
15 Rich Turner – Williamstown Planning Commission/Board of Commissioners

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17 Committee Members Absent:

18 John Hoogenboom – Moretown Selectboard  
19 Russ Barrett – Northfield Conservation Commission  
20 Stewart Clark – Worcester Planning Commission  
21 John Brabant – Calais/Board of Commissioners  
22 Michele Braun – Friends of Winooski River  
23 Corrie Miller – Friends of the Mad River  
24 Brian Shupe – Friends of the Mad River  
25 Gianna Petito - Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District  
26 Karen Bates – ANR

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28 Others Present:

29 CVRPC Staff: Pam DeAndrea.

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31 **CALL TO ORDER**

32 Amy Hornblas called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

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34 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

35 None.

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37 **CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

38 None.

39 **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8 MINUTES**

40 Larry – Line 39 clarify that we mean CWSP and not CWAC in terms of advisory committee.  
41 No quorum, could not vote on minutes.

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1 **CWAC RULES OF PROCEDURE**

2 Pam reviewed changes recommended by the Executive Committee and informed that a vote is  
3 not needed from the CWAC. The Executive Committee will bring to the Commission for  
4 approval and once approved, the CWAC may operate under the new rules.

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6 **CWAC MEETING FREQUENCY AND MEETING IN PERSON?**

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8 Pam went over that given the start-up of the CWSP and having to attend CWSP advisory  
9 committee meetings, our Basin Planning budget may not be able to support monthly CWAC  
10 meetings. Would bi-monthly meetings be agreeable? We would start back in January and have a  
11 nice break for the holidays. All present were fine with that.

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13 Amy – at last meeting she had proposed that we go back to meeting in person as we miss out on  
14 a lot by meeting remotely.

15 Larry – probably not the time yet since cases are up and it would be harder to make a case due to  
16 this.

17 Ron – not now but we could meet in the spring and maybe meet outside.

18 Rich – Planning commission has been meeting in person but just went back on line.

19 Pam – could do a field trip to see projects in the region this spring or summer.

20 Ron – does that with the TAC and helps learn about the projects. That would be great next  
21 spring or summer.

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23 **CENTRAL VERMONT CLEAN WATER PROJECTS IN CUE**

24 Pam presented projects that are in cue for final design and construction when funding becomes  
25 available in both table and map format using GIS. CVRPC may get some funding to create an  
26 interactive Central Vermont Clean Water Web Map. Pam shared a template GIS map of projects  
27 in the region and asked the group what they would like to see on an interactive map that would  
28 help make decisions in prioritization of projects in the future.

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30 Larry – should really include some kind of cost benefit analysis

31 Pam – well what the state uses is the cost of the project/lbs of phosphorus reduced. So we could  
32 use that measure.

33 Larry - Is there a way to have comments? Should be ready to facilitate the decision making.  
34 Should be a weighting. Database should be used to be imported over.

35 Pam – A lot of this information may be useful show on a kind of dashboard o within the rArcGIS  
36 Hub or Experience site and maybe not right on the map.

37 Larry - Is there a way to have markers for readiness?

38 Pam - that could perhaps be some kind of check box that could show project ready for stage,  
39 municipal capacity, permits complete, landowner ready or something like that.

40 Joyce – For the TAC, we go through the project prioritization process by going through different  
41 stages and the list comes from VTrans.

42 Pam – The CWSP program may end up being something like that but in the meantime before  
43 there is a BWQC, we could do something a bit softer here. Would like to start really simple by  
44 just having an easy means of communicating projects, their stages, P reduction, and funding to  
45 implement them. That can then help direct us on what to follow up on and pursue.

46 Rich – What is the status of getting a SWMP for Williamstown?

1 Pam – Still waiting to here from the ERP grant from DEC.

2 Pam went over other projects that CVRPC has submitted grants for recently. CVNHP pre-  
3 proposal for the CV Clean Water GIS Hub site, stormwater treatment design where Big Lots is  
4 located through the LCBP. Have funding through the block grant for construction at Berlin  
5 Town Office.

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7 Ron- Does anyone know what is happening at the Grossmans old lumberyard? How did they get  
8 away with building there given that it is probably in the floodplain?

9 Pam – They would have to follow floodplain requirement per NFIP rules. In terms of the river  
10 corridor, it is probably in the shadow of development.

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12 Ron - concerned about the topsoil just piled there and that is could just go into the river in a large  
13 rainstorm.

14 Dona – the business is going to be a liquid waste hauling company but no waste will be stored at  
15 the site.

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17 **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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20 **SCHEDULE**

21 Next meeting: January 14, 2020.

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23 Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.