

1 **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
3 **March 11, 2021**

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5 A meeting of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Clean Water Advisory
6 Committee was held remotely on March 11, 2021 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 John Brabant – Calais/Board of Commissioners
11 Amy Hornblas – CWAC Chair, Cabot/Board of Commissioners
12 Dona Bate – Montpelier City Council
13 Larry Becker, CWAC Vice Chair - Middlesex Conservation Commission
14 Joyce Manchester – Moretown TAC
15 Rich Turner – Williamstown Planning Commission/Board of Commissioners
16 Russ Barrett – Northfield Conservation Commission
17 Ron Krauth – Middlesex/Board of Commissioners

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19 Committee Members Absent:

20 Karen Bates – ANR
21 John Hoogenboom – Moretown Selectboard

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23 Others Present:

24 CVRPC Staff: Pam DeAndrea
25 Danielle Owczarski, ANR

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27 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

31 None.

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33 **CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

34 Pam - Will start with Danielle when she gets here. Go over the minutes first, then have Danielle
35 present the Lamoille Basin Plan and then go over the CWSP letter.

36 **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14 MINUTES**

37 Page 2 of the minutes, line 22. John motioned to accept January minutes as amended. Joyce
38 seconded. Motion carried.

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40 **LAMOILLE TACTICAL BASIN PLAN**

41 Danielle Owczarski, Basin Planner with the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) presented on
42 the update to the 2021 Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan.

43 She mentioned the Basin 7 Public Survey and to please fill it out and provide comments. She
44 went over the characteristics and geographic span of the basin.

1 Watershed Management Division is working on the 5-year update for the 2016 plan.
2 Plans identify actions and partners critical to implementation.
3 Contact Danielle anytime for input on the plan. More targeted feedback will be solicited from
4 RPCs in May. Ready for public comment by October.
5 Phosphorus reductions do not apply as much to Woodbury.
6 Pam asked about a stream geomorphic assessment on Kate Brook. Danielle and Stacy Pomeroy
7 are going to do a windshield survey along Kate Brook to see if a geomorphic assessment would
8 be beneficial.
9 Pam also mentioned some Class 4 roads that could benefit
10 Elmore Branch – no longer on the stressed waters list for encroachment and were erosion issues.
11 Had done some river corridor easements and river corridor easements. Will do more monitoring.
12 May qualify for B1 classification for aquatic life.
13 Cooper Brook meets B1 for fishing use; meets criteria for trout.
14 Pam asked about petitions for reclassifications. Danielle said they are in a standstill. Contact
15 Bethany Sargent and Ethan.
16 East Long Pond and Nichols Pond – lay monitoring looked at clarity with a disc. Would like
17 someone to collect samples there. Both ponds are considered high quality waters.
18 Pam asked about the target reductions that will be set out by the CWSP rule aligning with the
19 Basin Plans. Will the targets that the secretary comes up with be the same in the plan or will the
20 timing not be ready yet.
21 Pam mentioned to be helpful to outline what we should focus on.
22 Joyce said it would be also helpful that if the plans have the same structure.
23 Danielle – last few plans have had the same layout and template.
24 Joyce – curious to know if planning commissions or other planning groups use the plans.
25 Danielle – not consistent with the state or regions. Dependent on the RPCs. NVDA will have the
26 Towns when they are updating their Town plans to check into the Basin Plans. Working with
27 F&W on wildlife focus resources that will include Tactical Basin Plans.
28 Pam talked about how the Regional Plan addresses the Basin Plan and that Town Plans will often
29 address projects in the River Corridor Plans.
30 Danielle – we look at priority projects in the River Corridor Plans with River Management.
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32 **CLEAN WATER SERVICE PROVIDER RULE CVRPC COMMENT LETTER**

33 Pam went over the comment letter sent to the DEC from the CVRPC.
34 Joyce – “educational” should be a noun, not an adjective, like “educational component”.
35 Joyce – “quotations” is used more than once -should change second one.
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37 **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

38 Pam went over the Plainfield Gully proposal being due tomorrow and that the DEC issued an
39 RFP on this project that we are responding to.
40 Funding for 3-acre sites – Pam mentioned that she submitted two stormwater design projects for
41 3-acre sites that were both denied. One to the LCBP and one to the DIBG. Not sure how we will
42 be able to support 3-acre site property owners in the future.
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44 **SCHEDULE**

45 Next meeting: May 13, 2021.
46 Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.