



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

January 4, 2022

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Remote Participation via Zoom

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Physical Location: CVRPC Office, 29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier, VT

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Page AGENDA

- 4:00¹ Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - Public Comment**
- 2 4:05 Basin Water Quality Council Role, Responsibilities, and Appointees to Date (enclosed)**
- 3 4:15 Municipal Seat Candidate Review and Nomination (enclosed)**
- 19 4:55 Approve Meeting Minutes (enclosed)²**
- 5:00 Adjourn**

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² Anticipated action item.



Winooski Basin Water Quality Council Application Form

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CVRPC, the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) for the Winooski basin, is conducting outreach efforts to municipalities. We are seeking candidates who wish to represent municipalities on the Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC). There are 49 municipalities in the Winooski Basin. Two (2) candidates will be selected to represent municipalities. We encourage you to share this application form widely within your municipality to those interested.

The purpose of a BWQC is to establish policy and prioritize and select clean water projects for funding to achieve pollution reduction. You can find more information about the BWQC on the attached sheet. The Winooski CWSP is seeking members who can provide the following expertise:

- Knowledgeable on clean water topics
- Interest in prioritizing and selecting clean water projects for funding
- Interest in participating in Basin Planning process
- Ability to attend quarterly BWQC meetings

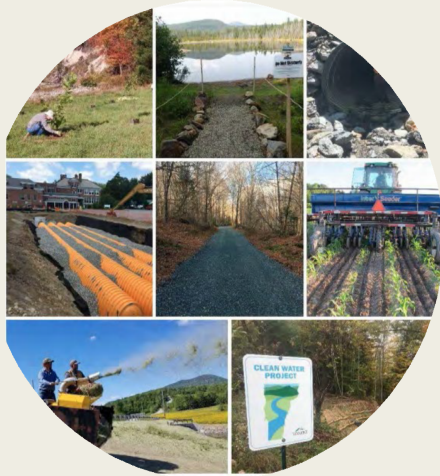
Please complete the application form on the second page and submit to CVRPC via email (vinson@cvregion.com) or mail (29 Main Street, Suite 4, Montpelier VT 05602) no later than December 17, 2021. The application is also available on our website, <https://centralvtplanning.org/>. Please reach out to vinson@cvregion.com if you would like additional application forms or would like more information.

CVRPC will be hosting an informational session for watershed stakeholders in the coming weeks to provide additional information on the BWQC and CWSP start up process. Thank you in advance for your interest in the Winooski BWQC!

Sincerely,

Bonnie Waninger
Executive Director

Winooski CWSP: BWQC Empanelment



Source: VTDEC - Proposed Clean Water Service Provider Rule Hearing Orientation

Clean Water Service Delivery Act of 2019

- Establishment of a network of decentralized Clean Water Service Providers (CWSPs) for watersheds in Lake Champlain and Lake Memphremagog basins
- CVRPC is CWSP for Winooski Basin
- CWSPs will provide *"boots on the ground"* project delivery for non-regulatory clean water projects

Non-regulatory clean water projects examples

- Small scale stormwater management practices
- Natural resource restoration projects (floodplain reconnections, wetlands restoration, vegetated buffer planting)
- Forestry or agricultural projects

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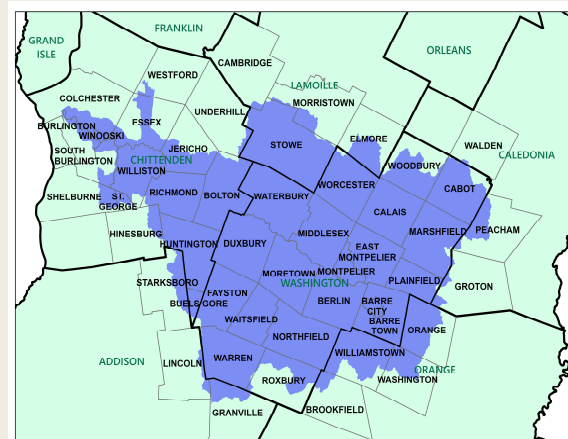
CWSP Structure

CWSP will:

- Create and convene Basin Water Quality Councils (BWQCs) to advise CWSP on project identification and prioritization
- Oversee project development, design, construction, verification, and operations and maintenance

BWQC will:

- Use local knowledge to establish policy and make decisions for the CWSP regarding the most significant water quality impairments in the basin
- Meet 4 times/year to prioritize projects to address those impairments based on Basin Plan and meeting pollution reduction targets
- Participate in the basin planning process



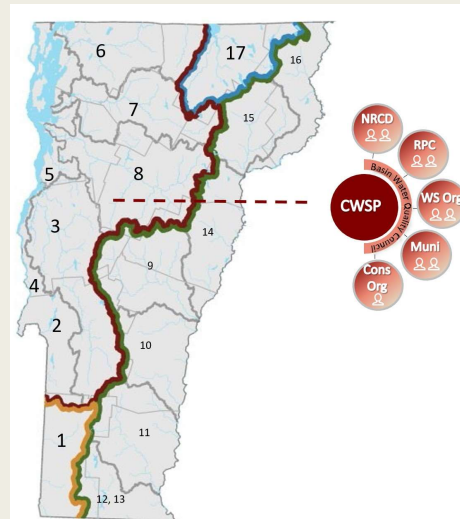
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BWQC Membership

- (2) Members from Natural Resource Conservation Districts (NRCDs)
- (2) Members from RPCs
- (2) Members from Watershed Protection Organizations
- (1) Member from local/statewide land conservation organization

→ (2) Members from municipalities in the basin



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BWQC Membership Considerations

- BWQC is not a committee of CVRPC.
 - BWQC is established by the CWSP, but BWQC will develop its own meeting rules, bylaws, and policies.
- Per CWSP Rule, BWQC members *"shall be knowledgeable on clean water topics for the basin(s) served"* such as:
 - Stormwater and developed lands projects (municipal roads)
 - Natural resource protection/restoration (river corridor, floodplain, wetland restoration, riparian and lakeshore protection, woody buffers)
 - Forestry, agricultural projects
 - Basin Planning
- Membership should be balanced to reflect the Basin's socioeconomic characteristics, culture, interests, and land uses.

Municipalities in the Winooski Basin by County

3 Addison
 3 Caledonia
 16 Chittenden
 4 Lamoille
 4 Orange
 20 Washington

 50 Total

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Winooski CWSP: BWQC Empanelment

Current Appointees

BWQC Representation	Number	Entity	Appointed Representative
Natural Resource Conservation Districts	2	Winooski NRCD Lamoille NRCD	Peter Danfort Remy Crettol
Regional Planning Commissions	2	Chittenden RPC Central Vermont RPC	Dan Albrecht TBD
Watershed Protection Organizations	2	Friends of the Winooski River ?	Michelle Braun
Local or Statewide Land Conservation Organization	1	?	
Municipalities in the Basin	2	?	

Winooski BWQC – Summary of Municipal Applicants

Name	Municipality	Why BWQC?	Experience Representing Municipal Perspectives	Experience/Knowledge of Clean Water Topics
Clark Amadon	Moretown	Protecting/restoring clean water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves on Planning Commission Served on Selectboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village wastewater project investigation Served on Selectboard during Tropical Storm Irene (rebuilding roads, replacing culverts) 40 yrs. as Trout Unlimited volunteer; experience with riparian, forest, and agricultural projects
Annie Costandi	Essex	Stay involved, regional awareness of clean water/TMDL projects; want to bring new perspective to Town stormwater management; Town focused on structural practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater Program Director for Essex Co-Chair, CCRPC¹ CWAC² and MS4³ subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS4, developed lands, Municipal Roads General Permit Engineer Stormwater project management and grant management Volunteer for Green Mountain Water Environmental Association
Nigel Hicks-Tibbles	Northfield	Bring legal knowledge of water rights/water law to BWQC to use data/science driven approach to policy development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northfield Conservation Commission Representing Colorado constituents in Colorado Water Congress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State/federal water discharge laws, state water quality permitting Forested lands and parks planning experience Involved in riparian projects Municipal law, urban development (land easements, property law, municipal finance)

¹ CCRPC = Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

² CWAC = Clean Water Advisory Committee

³ MS4 is short for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System". A separate storm sewer system is a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets and underground pipes, designed to gather stormwater from built-up areas and discharge it, without treatment, into local streams and rivers. In Vermont, MS4 municipalities discharge stormwater under a permit issued by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. MS4 entities are required to reduce pollutant discharge to the maximum extent practicable, to protect water quality, and to satisfy the water quality and legal requirements of the Clean Water Act. MS4 entities in Vermont include the Census-defined urbanized areas of Chittenden County, the Town and City of Rutland, the Town and City of St. Albans, the University of Vermont, the Burlington International Airport, and the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

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Name	Municipality	Why BWQC?	Experience Representing Municipal Perspectives	Experience/Knowledge of Clean Water Topics
Darlene Palola	Huntington	Remediate/protect water quality from previous/future development in rural areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCRPC CWAC • Lead for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) • Huntington Conservation Commission • Huntington Community Forest Stewardship Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Roads General Permit • Lead for LHMP- knowledge of flood hazards • Chair of Stratton Area Citizens Committee- water quality in West River, implementation of Water Quality Remediation Plan • Huntington River stormwater project • Water quality monitoring • Conserving forest is goal of Community Forest Stewardship Committee • Participated in Tactical Basin Plan development for multiple watersheds
Alice Peal	Waitsfield	Promote development sensitive to natural resources; reduce runoff to Mad River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Commission • Participated in FEMA Discovery - identified areas for re-study • Wetland study grant • Logging Best Practices language for Town Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of the Mad River, Ridge to Rivers • Investigating wastewater system potential • Riparian buffer zones • FEMA regulations • Took multiple courses: best logging practices re: water quality, F&W Community Wildlife Program



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Name: Clark Amadon

Contact Information

Address: 1719 Rt. 100B Moretown, VT 05660

Phone: 802-498-7570

Email: Clark@amadononline.net

What is your preferred method of contact? Email

Municipality: Moretown

Describe your interest in serving on the Winooski BWQC:

Protecting and restoring clean water resources

Describe your experience representing municipal perspectives:

Serve on the Moretown Planning Commission. Have been on Selectboard, too.

Please provide information about your experience/knowledge related to any of the following topics

Stormwater and developed lands (example: municipal separate storm sewer systems, roads, other developed lands discharges):

I am currently investigating adding a wastewater system for the Village of Moretown. Another possible project is expanding Waterbury's waste water system into the Rt. 100/Rt.2 area of Moretown and Duxbury. I also served on the Moretown Selectboard during the TS Irene period. This entailed a good deal of work on re-building roads and replacing culverts to withstand the effects of climate change.

Candidate/BWQC Seat
Applying For

- ☒ Municipalities
- ☐ Natural Resource Conservation Districts
- ☐ RPCs
- ☐ Watershed Protection Organizations
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Natural resource protection and restoration (example: protection or restoration of river corridors, floodplain, wetlands, riparian and lakeshore corridors, woody buffers)
The replies in this and the next few sections are informed by my volunteering in Trout Unlimited for over 40 years. There have been many riparian projects that I have organized and been a part of during this time. The projects almost exclusively have been in the Winooski Basin. Most recently the projects have been along the Dog River. Our TU chapter has planted 1000's of trees along the Dog.

Forests, forested land, and interaction with water quality
Also as a TU member I have volunteered for projects in the NEK related to woody additions to brook trout streams in the Nulhegan River basin. These woody additions have enhanced water quality, stabilized streams and provided habitat and food for brook trout and other aquatic organisms. Currently I serve on a working group seeking wild and scenic status for the Nulhegan.

Agriculture, agricultural lands, and their interaction with water quality
One of the key projects as our TU Chapters Conservation Chair has been working with the Rogers Farm in Berlin on various riparian projects. The Rogers are keenly aware of the importance of water quality and a healthy river to their unique family farm and business. It's also enhanced my understanding of the challenges to VT Ag

Water quality planning and implementation
Currently as is mentioned above my task for the Moretown Planning Commission is to investigate and plan for a wastewater system for our villages and perhaps for the area around Rt.100/Rt.2 in conjunction with the Town of Duxbury. This is becoming a significant learning opportunity for me and our town. Tangentially I have also been involved with inter-basin water transfer planning as a member of the VT TU Council and am now helping to investigate surface water withdrawals as well.

Any additional information you would like to add:

Name:

Contact Information

Address:

Phone:

Email:

What is your preferred method of contact?

Municipality:

Describe your interest in serving on the Winooski BWQC:

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Describe your experience representing municipal perspectives:

Please provide information about your experience/knowledge related to any of the following topics

Stormwater and developed lands (example: municipal separate storm sewer systems, roads, other developed lands discharges):

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Agriculture, agricultural lands, and their interaction with water quality

Water quality planning and implementation

Any additional information you would like to add:



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Name: Nigel Hicks-Tibbles

Contact Information

Address: 293 Central Street

Phone: 720-217-4761

Email: nigeltibbles@gmail.com

What is your preferred method of contact? email

Municipality: Northfield

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Describe your interest in serving on the Winooski BWQC:

In law school I became interested in water rights and water planning. I took a course in water law along with many other classes in environmental law and land use planning. I hope to bring my legal knowledge to the BWQC to assist in the policy development that will affect our communal water resources.

Describe your experience representing municipal perspectives:

In 2016 I interned with the Colorado Special District Association (SDA) as a policy analyst, and was the SDA representative to the Colorado Water Congress. I assisted SDA in analysing and lobbying on water laws that would affect Special Districts. With the Water Congress I represented our constituents in the wider Colorado policy debate regarding water policy and planning. I am very interested in joining in Vermont's water policy discussion.

Please provide information about your experience/knowledge related to any of the following topics

Stormwater and developed lands (example: municipal separate storm sewer systems, roads, other developed lands discharges):

I have some knowledge of the state and federal laws related to water discharges. Additionally though it is important when considering a municipal system to take into account the range of other legal areas that could be at issue, particularly areas such as land easements, property law, and municipal finance. My interest in municipal law and urban development has touched on all these areas.

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I have some general knowledge of Vermont's water quality permitting practices, and of federal law regarding natural resources protection and restoration. I worked for seven years for Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) in Colorado and participated in park planning teams as well as in field work on the Park Maintenance division.

Forests, forested land, and interaction with water quality

I have had a wealth of interaction with forested lands through my career with JCOS. I was involved in various projects to protect riparian corridors such as removing invasive species (Russian olive) from a water course, and taking various actions to attempt to protect a water way from urine and feces in a very popular dog park.

Agriculture, agricultural lands, and their interaction with water quality

I do not have much experience with agricultural lands, however I am familiar with various issues important to agriculture due to my focus on water law in Colorado. Although Vermont does not have a western approach to water rights, it is still clear that agriculture demands water. Therefore any water policy must fundamentally balance the needs of agriculture against the often competing interests of cities, recreation and conservation.

Water quality planning and implementation

I believe that we must make policy decisions from a data and science driven perspective. Economics has been the primary driver for most policy decisions for too long. If chosen for the BWQC I will work to make water quality planning and implementation decisions that look at both economic and scientific realities.

Any additional information you would like to add:

Thank you for your consideration of my application. I hope to be of use to the community in protecting our water resources and making them serve our multitude of needs.

Cordially,
Nigel Hicks-Tibbles

Name: Darlene Palola

Contact Information

Address: 4710 Main Road, Huntington VT 05462

Phone: 802 434 6014 Cell (does not work in Huntington)

Email: dcsigurdson29@gmail.com

Application from Darlene Palola, Huntington for a Municipal Member on BWQC

Describe your interest in serving on the Winooski BWQC:

I am especially interested in remediating and protecting water quality from previous and future development in our rural areas. In my past experience in the West River watershed, it was difficult to sustain interest from ANR regarding development in upper watersheds. I feel the BWQC can be of enormous help in focusing on these watersheds as identified in the Winooski Basin Plan using the Phosphorus reduction targets to save Lake Champlain and maintain high quality waters for the future.

Describe your experience representing municipal perspectives:

As a member of the Clean Water Advisory Committee representing Huntington I have followed the Road Erosion Inventory for the MRGP as implemented by the Town Administrator and Highway Dept.

I am the lead for development of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Huntington. As such I learned much about the Flood Hazards that impact vulnerable areas and how these areas can be more resilient to the increasing storms that will contribute more to the receiving waters, especially Lake Champlain.

The Huntington Forest Stewardship Committee presented our Stewardship Plan to the Town which described the many natural resources of the land. The public participated in decision making for recreational uses that will protect water quality.

Provide information about your experience/knowledge related to any of the following topics:

Protection and restoration of tributaries and their buffers to enhance river corridors

For 20 years I was Chair of a grassroots local environmental organization (Stratton Area Citizens Committee) focused on diminished water quality due to stormwater. Our work involved the permitting process (and raising money for expert testimony) for developments in the impaired West River watershed. The eventual outcome was a Water Quality Remediation Plan which required meeting particularized water quality standards in order to develop. The SACC was a party to the annual approval of the SWQRP, visiting many development sites and working with new owners. We worked with other environmental groups and the Windham Regional Commission to advocate for improved compliance. Over the years, water quality improved and in 2018 the North Branch of the West River was taken off the impaired list.

In 2017, with approval of the Huntington Selectboard, I contacted Friends of the Winooski to help us submit a grant to remove/slow the stormwater from Main Road and land occupied by our Highway Dept. that was discharging into the Huntington River. This became a project of the Huntington Conservation Commission. The project used vegetated swales, spreaders and other drainage technics to project a Phosphorus reduction

Forest land and water quality

Conserving the Forests to protect water quality is an important goal of the Huntington Forest Stewardship Committee. We have met with experts and researched programs to become knowledgeable about recreation and management around wetlands. In the past, SACC argued for expansion of the Green Mt. Forest to be conserved to protect a Class A watershed.

Water Quality Planning

Over the years I participated in the TBP of the West, Williams, Saxton River plans of the South Connecticut River Basin. As a member of the West River Alliance I monitored water quality of the West and its tributaries. Upon arriving in Huntington, I participated in monitoring tributaries of the Huntington River until the program ended. I believe it will be important to follow up on projects in the Winooski Basin to ensure the projects are working as planned and resources are available for ongoing maintenance.



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Name: Alice Peal

Contact Information

Address: 741 Spring Hill Road, Waitsfield 05673

Phone: 802 496 5235

Email: atpeal@gmavt.net

What is your preferred method of contact? email

Municipality: Waitsfield

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Describe your interest in serving on the Winooski BWQC:

As a Town Planning Commissioner I want to promote development that is sensitive to wetlands, forests and natural habitats. Reduce water runoff that affects the water quality of the Mad River.

Describe your experience representing municipal perspectives:

Participated in FEMA Discovery to identify study areas in the Winooski Watershed.
Wrote a grant for a Wetland Study in our downtown area.
Wrote Best Practices language for Logging Operations for our Town Plan Act 171.

Please provide information about your experience/knowledge related to any of the following topics

Stormwater and developed lands (example: municipal separate storm sewer systems, roads, other developed lands discharges):
Member of Friends of the Mad River, Ridge to Rivers. Currently advocating for storm water service in downtown shopping areas. On Committee to write a grant to Study Central and Decentralized Town Septic Systems. Will work with Town and VTRANS to ensure installation of storm water systems at Rte 100 and 17. Understand the affect of logging operations on water runoff and prevention after logging completed.

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<p>Natural resource protection and restoration (example: protection or restoration of river corridors, floodplain, wetlands, riparian and lakeshore corridors, woody buffers) Currently learning the value of newly planted and/or bank rehab to mitigate riverbank erosion rather than with stone or riprap. Understand and advise on riparian buffer zones for wetlands. Understand FEMA regulations for building in Flood Zones and requirements for securing anything that might come loose in a flood.</p>
<p>Forests, forested land, and interaction with water quality Took course with VT State Forester on best logging practices, ensuring that a logger return a site to how it was originally (water bars, temporary roads and bridges). Understanding of the role of trees and water runoff.</p>
<p>Agriculture, agricultural lands, and their interaction with water quality Understand the effect of runoff from fertilized farm lands into streams and rivers. Ag soil water flooding. Recently followed Town Health Officer enforcement to repair mobile home park septic to stop overflow into Mad River.</p>
<p>Water quality planning and implementation The best way to do this is coordination with Town Planning Commission and the Friends of the Mad River and Ridge to Rivers groups. It's a better way to plan new development, identify storm water solutions and any adverse effects on river water quality.</p>

Any additional information you would like to add:

Completed NR 1-3 (three part seminar) Jens Hilke and Andy Wood, Fish and Wildlife - Community Wildlife Program, Ecology and Environment, Community Values.
Completed 5 month Regenesiis Program on a "Happy Healthy Valley," sponsored by Friends of the Mad River.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Nominating Committee
DRAFT MINUTES
September 28, 2021

Present: Gerry D'Amico, Peter Carbee

Staff: Bonnie Waninger

Vice Chair Gerry D'Amico called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda

G. D'Amico requested that the Committee elect a new Chair.

Election of Chair

P. Carbee nominated G. D'Amico as Chair. D'Amico accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations for Chair, D'Amico closed nominations. Carbee cast one vote for D'Amico as Chair, and D'Amico was elected Chair of the Committee.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

P. Carbee moved to accept the March 24, 2021 minutes as presented; G. D'Amico seconded. Motion carried.

Review Clean Water Advisory Committee Adopted Rules of Procedure

The Committee briefly discussed the Clean Water Advisory Committee's (CWAC) purpose and duties.

Review Positions and Consider Candidate Qualifications

The Committee reviewed CWAC vacancies and candidate interest. Committee members expressed interest in ensuring geographic diversity and communities of different sizes were represented on the CWAC.

Recommend Candidates for Board Consideration

By consensus, the members agreed to nominate Emily Ruff of Orange to the municipal seat and Joseph Whalen of Montpelier to the interested stakeholder seat. The Committee asked that staff thank the other candidate for their interest in serving and encourage them to apply again in the future.

Discuss Brownfield Committee Vacancy and Nomination Process

B. Waninger revised the committee purpose and membership and described how the vacancy occurred. Heather Greenfield has accepted another position in the City and will no longer serve as Barre City's Alternate Commissioner.

Waninger shared the Nominating Committee's previous work to assess interest of Commissioners and Alternates for the Brownfield Committee. She shared that Janet Shatney had expressed interest in becoming a member of the Brownfield Committee. Nominating Committee members noted that they had previously planned to recommend Shatney be on the Brownfield Committee until they realized Barre City would have two seats on it. By consensus, the Nominating Committee agreed to nominating Janet Shatney to fill the vacant seat on the Brownfield Committee.

Next Steps

Waninger will draft memorandums to the Board providing the Committee's nominations and forward it to the Committee members for comment. Members were urged not to discuss the letter via email. D'Amico will have final approval of the letter before it is included in the Board packet.

Adjourn

P. Carbee moved to adjourn at 4:43 pm; G. D'Amico seconded. Motion carried.