

Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council Meeting

May 19, 2022

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BWQC Membership

Member	Alternate	Organization	Representing
Peter Danforth	<i>Emily Porter-Goff</i>	Lamoille NRCD ¹	NRCDs
Remy Crettol	Russ Barrett	Winooski NRCD ¹	NRCDs
Darlene Palola	Garret Mott	CCRPC ²	RPCs ⁴
Alan Quackenbush	Robert Wernecke	CVRPC ³	RPCs ⁴
Michele Braun	Shawn White	Friends of the Winooski River	WPOs ⁵
Corrie Miller	Brian Shupe	Friends of the Mad River	WPOs ⁵
Steve Libby	<i>TBD</i>	VT River Conservancy	LCOs ⁶
Annie Costandi	<i>Sarah McShane</i>	Essex / Stowe	Municipalities
Nigel Hicks-Tibbles	Alice Peal	Northfield / Waitsfield	Municipalities

1: Natural Resources Conservation District

2: Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

3: Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

4: Regional Planning Commission

5: Watershed Protection Organization

6: Land Conservation Organization

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Bylaws & Rules of Procedure – Questions

- Member Terms
 - Staggered terms?
 - How to accomplish this?
 - What to do about alternates?
- Officers
 - Timing for nominations
 - Terms of office?
 - Draft language: "... three consecutive terms ..."
 - Too long / short?

Bylaws & Rules of Procedure – Questions

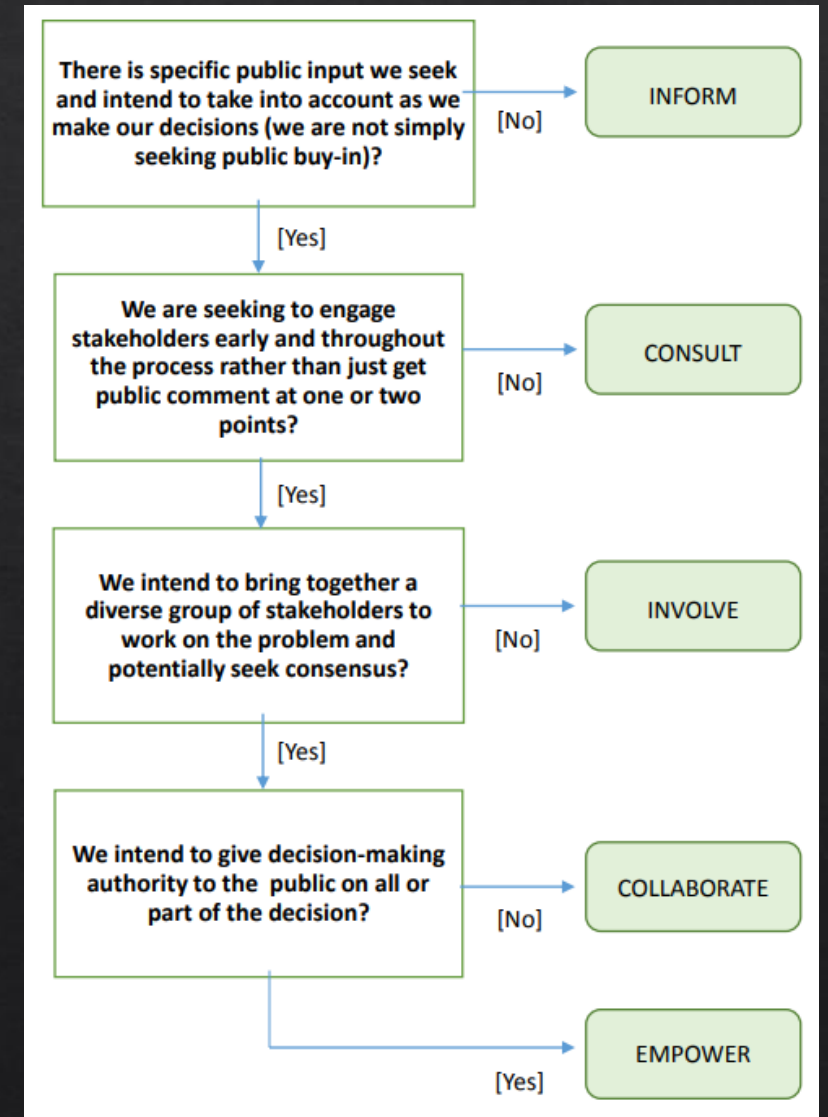
- Meetings
 - Special meetings
 - Draft language: "... if requested in writing by 5 or more BWQC members."
 - Too many / too few?
- Conflict of Interest
 - Draft language: Upon joining the BWQC, individuals must review and sign an adopted Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy, to indicate that they have read, understood and agree to comply with it.
- Amendments
 - Draft language: The BWQC may, at any time, vote to amend these operating policies & procedures, in accordance with quorum requirements noted above.

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Public Participation - BWQC

- ◆ What are your goals for public participation in the BWQC?
- ◆ How will the BWQC ...
 - ◆ cultivate collaboration?
 - ◆ ensure equity?
 - ◆ embrace diversity?
 - ◆ keep the public informed?
- ◆ Should the BWQC ...
 - ◆ develop a list of stakeholders?
 - ◆ develop a public involvement plan (BWQC policy or "playbook" for projects)?
 - ◆ broadcast meetings on local public access television?
- ◆ What is the desired level of public participation?
- ◆ How do you envision integrating public participation in the decision-making process?
- ◆ How often should this policy be revisited?



Public Participation - Resources

- ◇ [VTrans: Engaging the Public](#)
- ◇ [EPA: Public Participation Guide](#)
- ◇ [EPA: Internet Resources on Public Participation](#)
- ◇ [CCRPC: Public Participation Plan](#)

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Training Opportunities

- ◆ Abenaki Perspective on Water
 - ◆ June 17, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (tentative)
 - ◆ Microsoft Teams
- ◆ TMDL & Target Setting Primer
 - ◆ [YouTube](#)
 - ◆ During this video, you will learn about Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) and TMDL Implementation Plans. Presenters will also discuss regulatory & non-regulatory actions needed to meet the Phase 3 phosphorus reduction targets. They will describe how non-regulatory targets are set, along with the funding to achieve them.
 - ◆ [PDF of slides](#)
- ◆ Finding Clean Water Projects in Your Town
 - ◆ [YouTube](#)
 - ◆ Tour the Watershed Projects Database and Clean Water Projects Explorer. Learn to find clean water projects in your town that are ready for development.
- Vermont Government Transparency 101
 - ◆ May 25, 6:30 PM
 - [Join livestream & submit questions](#)
- ◆ TBD – VASARA records training

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