

Winooski Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC)

Draft Meeting Minutes – 21 May 2026

Winooski Basin Water Quality Council Members: (9 seats total) ✓

NRCDS		RPCs	
	Emily Porter-Goff, Lamoille NRCD	✓	Garret Mott, CCRPC (Chair)
✓	Sarah Skelding, Lamoille NRCD	✓	Lisa Cicchetti, CCRPC alternate
✓	Daniel Koenemann, Winooski NRCD	✓	Royal DeLegge, CVRPC
✓	Lucas Goldfluss, Alternate	✓	Rich Turner, CVRPC alternate
Land Conservation Organizations		Municipalities	
	Remy Crettol, VT River Conservancy		Annie Costandi, Essex
	Vacant, Alternate		Rachel Tobler, Alternate
Watershed Protection Organizations			Alice Peal, Waitsfield (Vice Chair)
✓	Sam Puddicombe, Friends of the Winooski River		David Stapleton, Moretown, Alternate
	Michele Braun, Alternate		
	Taylor Litwin, Alternate		
	Ira Shadis, Friends of the Mad River		
✓	Julie Frost, Alternate		
	Kinny Perot, Alternate		

CVRPC Staff: Brian Voigt & Lincoln Frasca

Guests: Gabe Russom (Town of Williston), Delanie (Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District).

Call to order & Roll call: G. Mott called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Updates to agenda: None

Public comment: None

Review & approve minutes from the 19 March 2026 meeting (action)

S. Puddicombe made a motion to approve the minutes of the 19 March 2026 meeting. R. DeLegge seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Recognize Alternate Representatives for Municipal Seat (Rachel Tobler, Shelburne) and Lamoille County Natural Resources Conservation District (Sarah Skelding) (action)

D. Koenemann made a motion to approve the appointment of Alternate Representatives for a Municipal Seat (Rachel Tobler, Shelburne) and the Lamoille County Natural Resources Conservation District (Sarah Skelding), S. Puddicombe seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Final Proposal Review (action)

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: Marshfield Road Stormwater Gully – Implementation

B. Voigt introduced the staff evaluation for the project proposal that involves the stabilization of a stormwater gully along Marshfield Road in Calais to prevent long-term erosion at the site. The site was initially assessed and a preliminary (30%) design completed as part of the 2019 Kingsbury Stormwater Master Plan. In spring 2024, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), in partnership with the Town of Calais and an adjacent landowner, conducted project scoping for gully stabilization and adjacent culvert along Marshfield Road. The culvert is still being investigated for eligibility. The Gully Final Design was completed with Formula Grant funding. The Town and adjacent landowners support project implementation. The project budget is \$56,226.15 with an estimated phosphorus reduction of 5.61 kg/yr. The staff recommendation is to fund this proposal. D. Koenemann asked how the gully project was found. L. Frasca responded that the project was identified through a Stormwater Master Plan. B. Voigt described an adjacent culvert replacement project that is being developed on a private driveway. CVRPC anticipates submitting a proposal for funding the culvert replacement on Marshfield Road at the June BWQC meeting.

D. Koenemann made a motion to approve funding for the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: Marshfield Road Stormwater Gully – Implementation Project. R. Turner seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Announcements

- ◆ **Wastewater Workshop – Residential Septic Systems & Innovative Alternatives:** The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and Department of Environmental Conservation are partnering to offer a Wastewater Workshop on Wednesday, 10 June 2026 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Woodbury Town Hall & Zoom. [Register here](#)
- ◆ **Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load educational video and Q&A by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission:** available on [YouTube](#).
- ◆ **[Department of Environmental Conservation Permit Feedback Initiative: Survey](#)** open through 5 June 2026. Followed by one-on-one and focus group

meetings with stakeholders. For questions or feedback, contact ANR.DECPermitting@vermont.gov.

- ◆ **Public Comment on Proposed Rules for the State Lands Management Planning Process**: The proposed rule would formalize the existing public engagement process and make several changes to how the management planning process works. For questions contact hannah.phillips@vermont.gov. Public Hearings include:
 - ◆ June 4, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm: Town of Waterbury Municipal Offices, Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676
 - ◆ June 11, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm: Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
- ◆ CWSP Funding - The deadline for consideration at the 18 June 2026 Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council meeting is 11 June 2026. [Schedule a meeting](#) with Brian & Lincoln for project reviews & proposal development assistance.
- ◆ FEMA Flood Bylaw CVRPC Assistance - [Book a meeting](#) or email Lincoln (frasca@cvregion.com) or Brian (voigt@cvregion.com)

Friends of the Winooski is preparing to plant their CWSP funded riparian buffer plantings in the coming weeks.

D. Koenemann asked about the status of the Randall Meadows floodplain project in Waterbury. B. Voigt explained that the state is finalizing the land transfer to the municipality. The town has issued a Request for Proposals for an environmental assessment to satisfy FEMA funding requirements. This will also inform the CWSP about the cost-efficiency of implementation in regard to potential environmental clean-up and or archeological review. The environmental review is estimated to last nine months. Any possibly request for funding this project through the CWSP is not expected before early next year.

Adjourn

R. DeLegge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 PM. D. Koenemann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for 18 June 2026.
Minutes submitted by CVRPC staff member Lincoln Frasca.