

Winooski Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC)

Draft Meeting Minutes – 17 September 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			Vacant
	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: Lincoln Frasca

Guests: Meg John (public)

Call to order & Roll call: G. Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Updates to agenda: None

Public comment: None

Review & approve minutes from the 20 August 2026 meeting (action)

R. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the 20 August 2026 meeting. D. Stapleton seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Remembering Alice Peal

Alice Peal, former BWQC Vice Chair, passed away on August 27, 2026. Her obituary can be found in the [17 September 2026 Valley Reporter](#). A celebration of life will be held later this fall with details to be announced. In honor of Alice's legacy, her family encourages donations to the Mad River Valley Community Fund at [MRVCommunity-Fund.org](#).

Project Proposal Final Review (action)

Vermont Land Trust, Mill Brook-Winooski Confluence Floodplain Restoration – Implementation:

L. Frasca introduced the final review for this project to restore the floodplain at the confluence of the Mill Brook and the Winooski River (Jericho). Project elements include the creation of a floodplain terrace, a ballasted engineered log jam in the section closest to Vermont Route 117 and riparian planting on and above the engineered log jam to a maximum of 50' where possible. The staff recommendation is to prioritize this funding request.

G. Mott visited the location recently and noted the meander is getting close to the road.

M. Braun made a motion to prioritize funding for the Vermont Land Trust, Mill Brook-Winooski Confluence Floodplain Restoration – Implementation project. D. Stapleton seconded the motion. All others were in favor, and the motion carried.

Announcements

- ◆ Department of Environmental Conservation Hydrology and Hydraulics ("H&H") Webinar:
 - ◆ When: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - 12pm to 1pm
 - Where: Online - Teams
 - (<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/218034334001662?p=IFWB3dEETYPIC6j7RI>)
 - Who: Andrew Sampsell, Dam Safety Engineer (VTDEC) and Kyle Medash, River Engineer (VTDEC)
 - What: A training/discussion on H&H topics as they relate to clean water projects in Vermont by engineers for non-engineers
- ◆ [DEC Floodplain/Stream Restoration Verification Field Day Training](#): Date: Tuesday September 22, 2026, Location: Hinesburg, Time: 9:00 am -12:00 pm **RSVP by 9/18**
- ◆ USDA proposal to rescind the Roadless Rule. [Public comment is being accepted through 21 September 2026](#) (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FS-2025-0001-223869>).
- ◆ CWSP Funding - The deadline for consideration at the 17 September 2026 Winooski River Basin Water Quality Council meeting is 10 September 2026. [Schedule a meeting](#) with Brian & Lincoln for project reviews & proposal development assistance.

Adjourn

D. Stapleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 PM. R. Turner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for 15 October 2026.

Minutes submitted by CVRPC staff member Lincoln Frasca.

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