

Winooski Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC)

Draft Meeting Minutes – 20 August 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

Guests: Keith Fritschie (Department of Environmental Conservation)

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 16 July 2026 meeting (action)

D. Koenemann made a motion to approve the minutes of the 16 July 2026 meeting.

R. DeLegge seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Project Proposal Preliminary Review (discussion)

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

B. Voigt introduced the 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 bank stabilization portion of this project is not fundable with formula grant money. There are multiple partners involved with this project including the VT Agency of Transportation. The phosphorus reduction estimate is 1.85 kg / yr and the Formula Grant budget request is \$59,225.00. With other state and non-state matching funds included the total project budget is \$1,128,310.28. K. Fritschie provided a link in the chat to the exact project location ([44°27'14.1"N 73°01'04.6"W - Google Maps](#)). D. Koenemann asked where this project falls along the threshold of phosphorus cost efficiency. B. Voigt responded that this is just below the \$35,000 per kilogram cost threshold for the Winooski Basin. Staff will conduct a formal review prior to the next meeting to inform a vote by the BWQC. BWQC members can submit questions to CVRPC who will direct them to VLT staff.

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
- ◆ 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.

D. Koenemann advertised the final presentation for the Sabin Pond Lake Watershed Action Plan on August 26 at 4:00 PM at the Woodbury Town Hall.

K. Fritschie provided a link to the FY27 [Clean Water Initiative Program Spending Plan | Department of Environmental Conservation](#) for review.

Adjourn

R. DeLegge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 PM. D. Koenemann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for 17 September 2026.
Minutes submitted by CVRPC staff member Lincoln Frasca.