

# Missisquoi Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC)

## MINUTES

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Hybrid / Zoom meeting with physical location at:

*Enosburgh Emergency Services Building*

83 Sampsonville Road, Enosburgh, VT 05450

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YOUTUBE CHANNEL (<https://youtu.be/4w-VvMPtNy8>).

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COUNCIL

Council members: Lauren Weston (Q), Ted Sedell (Q), Barry Lampke (Q), Lindsey Wight (Q), Beth Torpey (Q), Kent Henderson (Q), Dan Seeley (Q), Sarah Downes (Q), Tucker Malone (Q), Bridget Butler, Dave Allerton

Staff: Dean Pierce, Sara Gratz

Others present: Nathanael Johns, Peter Zamore, Pete Benevento, Jim's Ai Notetaker

### 1. Welcome and introductions

Lindsey Wight opened the meeting as Chair at 11:00, followed by a round of introductions.

### 2. Meeting protocols

Lindsey Wight reviewed meeting protocols.

### 3. Conflict of interest declarations, if any

No conflicts of interest were made.

### 4. Review/adjust and approve agenda

No adjustments were made. Agenda was approved as is.

### 5. Approval of minutes

Dan Seeley motioned to approve the minutes and Sarah Downes seconded. Motioned carried.

### 6. Public comment not related to items on agenda

No public comments were made.

## **7. Report on budget adjustments, if any**

Dean shared that there was one budget adjustment for Franklin County NRCD in the amount of \$606.00.

## **8. Biannual Organizational Tasks:**

### a. Membership Renewals and New Appointments

Dean Pierce shared that the CWSP is required to reestablish membership of the Council every 2 years, in accordance with a Guidance document from DEC, which was enacted after the Council was created.

### b. Seating of Alternates

Dean shared that there is also a need to seat more Alternates to the Council.

## **9. Annual Meeting Tasks:**

### a. Election of Chair

Dan Seeley nominated Lindsey Wight for reelection as Chair. Sarah Downes motioned to close nominations and Ted Sedell seconded. Motion carried. The reelection of Lindsey Wight as Chair was put to vote and approved by all Council members. Lindsey abstained.

### b. Election of Vice Chair

Ted Sedell nominated Kent Henderson for reelection as Vice Chair. Dan Seeley motioned to close nominations and Ted seconded. Motion carried. The reelection of Kent Henderson as Vice Chair was put to vote and approved by all Council members. Kent abstained.

## **10. Funding proposal**

Dean Pierce shared a proposal for a new funding program, which was inspired by an effort in Basin 5, and recently passed in Basin 7. The program would offer an annual \$10,000 grant to each of the 10 prequalified organizations in the Missisquoi Basin for project development work.

Kent Henderson moved to authorize the creation of the program and establish basic parameters<sup>1</sup> and further moved to approve individual projects and create an inventory of funding from which entities may draw<sup>2</sup>, using the language contained in the meeting packet. Sarah Downes seconded. Motion carried.

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<sup>1</sup> I move that the BWQC approve obligation of up to \$100,000 dollars in Basin 6 CWSP formula funds for the purpose of establishing a 'general project development' program. Basin 6 project solicitation processes are hereby amended to include ongoing solicitation of general project development applications consistent with this program. As part of this program, new 'task awards' would be issued by the CWSP to prequalified partners for project development initiatives consistent with DEC requirements and as clarified by a motion to be made following this one. The NRPC would be eligible for awards in the same manner as the prequalified partners. Upon adoption of this motion, CWSP staff will: -solicit project development funding requests using a simple application form. -pursue one or more Watershed project database ID numbers to facilitate the award process. The CWSP would be authorized to award funds in amounts of up to \$10,000 annually for each recipient.

<sup>2</sup> I move that, in furtherance of the prior motion, the BWQC hereby approves the following individual projects: -separate general project development projects by each holder of a Master agreement with non incidental land area in the Basin in the amount of up to \$10,000; -project development work by NRPC in the amount of up to \$10,000. However, holders of Master agreements are under no obligation to move forward with these projects. The individual projects above are deemed to have been preliminarily evaluated by the CWSP and are considered worthy of funding by the BWQC.

### **11. State of the Lake Highlights**

Dean Pierce shared some highlights from the Lake Champlain Basin Program's State of the Lake report.

### **12. Future meeting topics**

Operations and Maintenance of completed projects was suggested as a topic for the next meeting.

### **13. Updates and conclusion**

Dean Pierce shared that NRPC is continuing to work on their Public Participation Plan, which will be used as a resource for developing the Council's Public Participation Plan. Sarah Downes motioned to adjourn the meeting and Beth Torpey seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:48.