

Upper Valley Subcommittee

Notes

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 6:00 PM Meeting

Hybrid Meeting - Latham Library, Downstairs, 16 Library Rd, Thetford, VT

Attendance

NH Members:	Attendance
Alice Creagh, Hanover	X
Vacancy, Hanover	
Eric Agterberg, Lebanon	X
Ruth Bleyler, Lebanon	X
Bill Malcolm, Lyme	P
Vacancy, Lyme	
Ted Cooley, Orford	V
Carl Schmidt, Orford	X
Vacancy, Piermont	
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VT Members:	Attendance
Ted Unkles, Bradford	P
Vacancy, Bradford	
Ben Dana, Fairlee	X
Peter Berger, Fairlee	X
David Barrell, Hartford	X
Lynn Bohi, Hartford	V
Bill Bridge, Thetford	V
Linda Matteson, Thetford	V
Vacancy, Norwich	
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Note: P = present in person; V = present over remote virtual platform; X = not present

Partners Present: Majestic Terhune (UVLSRPC)

NO QUORUM

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Malcolm started the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

2. NH and VT Legislative Changes

The group reviewed the NH Legislative Changes document, with Malcolm noting that the subcommittee does not similarly receive updates on such changes or permit updates from Vermont. Unkles offered to speak with former colleagues to help establish contact with those who can provide updates or help create a regular communications process. Matteson noted that Vermont Watershed Planner Marie Caduto serves as a resource for Vermont input and sits on the CRJC Full Commission.

Malcolm and Terhune described their typical process with NHDES for receiving and disseminating applications and other materials impacting the Connecticut River. Malcolm asked whether CRJC could broadly request regular updates and involvement from similar Vermont agencies.

3. Project and Permit Application Review Process

Malcolm asked whether any members had any preliminary feedback on the proposed Project and Permit Application Review updates, highlighting that the updates pertain to herbicide treatment permits and *de minimus* permit applications. The group stated that they did not have any comments.

a. Sale of State-Owned Property, Lebanon, NH

Bohi, Malcolm, and Unkles expressed approval for the proposal and future use of the riverfront area. Unkles noted the potential for environmental impact as the project develops. Bohi, Malcolm, and Unkles

discussed how the property has evolved over previous years. Terhune noted that the subcommittee will continue to receive further information and permits for the project as it progresses.

4. Drinking Water Infrastructure Project (Hanover)

The group reviewed the project summary and impacted sites. Unkles noted that much of the project would take place near the Connecticut River and would involve impacting the soil. Malcolm stated that most of the project will entail deposition and highlighted that the project will be conducted by the Town, go to contract, and is centered in areas of concern. The group stated that they had no further concerns or comments at the time.

5. Updating the New Hampshire Climate Action Plan

Terhune provided an overview of the New Hampshire Climate Action Plan update process. She encouraged members to share information regarding the update with other organizations that may be interested in offering input and to view the link in agenda for upcoming Climate Action Plan events and to independently submit comments.

Malcolm proposed scheduling a subcommittee meeting in February depending on comment deadlines and member availability.

6. Town and Member Updates

- a. [CRJC Training for Current and Interested Members \(2/6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.\) and Speaker Series: Nitrogen Pollution \(2/27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.\) and Floodplain Management \(3/12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.\)](#)

Terhune provided an overview of the upcoming sessions geared toward CRJC members. [Link to registration and details above.]

- b. Long Island Sound Futures Fund

Terhune described a grant UVLSRPC recently received from the Long Island Sound Futures Fund and plans for initial steps of the project aimed at reducing nitrogen in Connecticut River. She encouraged members and anyone they know who may be interested (particularly farmers) in joining a pollution reduction network to reach out to Olivia Uyizeye.

7. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 6:38 P.M.

The next meeting is **XXX**, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.