



Lake Champlain Basin Water Quality Council Meeting
June 23, 2022, 1:00 pm
Virtual meeting/Microsoft Teams

Members present: Robert Richards, Murray McHugh, Donald Campbell, Erin Rogers, Katy Crumley, Paul Donaldson, Mike Winslow
Staff present: Hilary Solomon, Barbara Noyes Pulling, Ed Bove, Devon Neary, Steffanie Bourque
Public/other present: Angie Allen

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Not having elected officers yet, the meeting was called to order by staff at 1:04 PM. BWQC members, staff and others introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Donald Campbell to approve Agenda as presented, seconded by Robert Richards. Approved by voice vote.

3. ACT 76 OVERVIEW

Hilary Solomon and Barbara Noyes Pulling provided a presentation on Act 76, the roles of CWSPs and BWQCs, eligible clean water projects, phosphorous reduction targets by sector, the process for selecting projects, project stages, project development, co-benefits, operations and maintenance, and available resources and trainings.

4. BWQC BYLAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

The group reviewed the draft bylaws in entirety, made comments and requests for staff to follow up on and incorporate into the next draft to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Robert Richards asked if staggered terms, terms running concurrently with CWSP's five-year terms, and automatic renewals be considered for BWQC members in Sect. 402. Staff will check the Rule and Guidance.

Donald Campbell asked if Sect. 406 should be placed after Sect. 402. Staff will review.

Mike Winslow questioned whether in Sect. 403 if indeed a motion required the concurrence of a majority of the BWQC to pass. Staff will review.

In Sect. 404, four alternates were suggested: Adam Piper/VLT, Mary Ann Goulette/Town Manager of West Rutland, Adam Lougee/Executive Director of Addison County Regional Planning Commission, and Philip

McGovern. Donald Campbell suggested that language be deleted about appointing alternates at the first BWQC meeting to one with prior notice. Staff will review.

Donald Campbell suggested in Sect. 404 that language be added so that members or their alternates are expected to attend all meetings. Staff will make the revision.

In Sect. 407, Donald Campbell suggested that the ex officio provision be left in in case the Council decides to add some later. Members concurred.

In Sect. 408, regarding e-communications, Donald Campbell requested that it apply to CWSP and/or BWQC business only and that language regarding public participation in project selection be reviewed by staff.

In Sect. 502, Mike Winslow suggested that Otter Creek CWSP language regarding BWQC committees be considered. Staff will review.

In Sect. 601, the group concurred to leave terms of office as is for now.

In Sect. 603, Donald Campbell requested more specificity on the definition of conflict of interest and perhaps a separate section to reference professional conduct policy in bylaws supplemented by language in Guidance. Staff will review.

In Sect. 701, Robert Richards and Donald Campbell questioned how BWQC members would provide reports to their groups and to municipalities. Staff will review methods for keeping non-represented towns informed and other reporting ideas.

Also in Sect. 701, the group discussed with Angie Allen whether the VT DEC Surface Water Assessment results provisions need to be in these bylaws or technical assistance from appropriate DEC would be adequate. Staff will review.

In Sect. 702, the group discussed whether the section needs to be in bylaws or in a separate project criteria document. Staff will review.

In Sect. 703, Donald Campbell suggested that electronic and virtual communications be included. Staff will review.

Donald Campbell requested that language be included to allow for amending bylaws and dissolving the BWQC be include. Staff will review.

5. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBGRANTEES

Hilary Solomon presented a draft RFQ for subgrantees and subcontractors and highlighted the role of subgrantees/partners. Mike Winslow suggested that the definition of subgrantees be expanded. Staff will review.

6. APPLYING FOR PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

Hilary Solomon encouraged the Council to begin thinking about possible partners and projects particularly since State funding is available to design and implement projects.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None; no members of the public were in attendance.

8. STIPENDS

Staff reviewed with the group the guidelines outlined earlier in the meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Council requested a Doodle Poll to find a date in late July or early August and that the agenda include finalizing bylaws, electing officers, naming alternates, and virtual/in-person meetings. Members also asked to be sent the slides used in the meeting's presentations. Staff will follow up.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:05 pm, Robert Richards moved to adjourn; seconded by Donald Campbell.

Respectfully submitted by Hilary Solomon and Barbara Noyes Pulling