

Vermont Clean Water Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, November 6, 2017, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Location: National Life Building Main 2– 1 National Life Drive, The Winooski Room (M240)

Clean Water Fund Board Members/Designees:

Susanne Young, Agency of Administration (AoA) Secretary and Clean Water Fund Board Chair

Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary

Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary

Anson Tebbetts, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) Secretary

Attendees:

Emily Bird, Department of Environmental
Conservation (DEC)

Diane Bothfeld, AAFM

Jared Carpenter, Lake Champlain Committee

Helen Carr, DEC

Kari Dolan, DEC

Dan Dutcher, VTrans

Andrea Englehardt, Lake Carmi Campers
Association

Ernie Englehardt, Lake Carmi Campers
Association

Brad Ferland, AoA

Erik Filkorn, Buildings and General Services

Peter Gregory, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee
Regional Commission

Jen Hollar, Vermont Housing and Conservation
Board (VHCB)

Marianne Holtz

Sue Scribner, VTrans

Kathy Urffer, Connecticut River Conservancy

Welcome, Approval of Agenda

3:30-3:35 pm

Agency of Administration Secretary and Clean Water Fund Board Chair Susanne Young

- See supporting materials
- Joe Flynn motioned for approval of previous Board meeting minutes
- Julie Moore seconded the motion
- No objections
- Minutes approved

Review State Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Clean Water Fund Budget Process

3:35-3:40 pm

Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore

- See supporting materials

Finalize Recommended FY2019 Clean Water Fund Allocations

3:40-4:00 pm

Clean Water Initiative Program Manager Kari Dolan

- Summary of October 2017 public comment period and responses
 - A special public comment period was held October 2017 on the Board's proposed allocation of \$2.26 bond premium funds
 - Results of public comments summarized in meeting materials
 - Phosphorus extraction technology would require plan to export phosphorus from the watershed; AAFM is currently working to develop market for phosphorus export

- Allocating FY2019 Capital Bill bond premium from sale of bonds (\$2.26 million)
 - Julie Moore motioned to approve the allocation of bond premium funds as proposed in November 6th memorandum
 - Joe Flynn seconded the motion
 - No objections
 - Allocation of bond premium funds approved

- Further discussion:
 - Clarification that Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid bond premium allocation is \$100,000 above and beyond the original allocation of \$2,997,944
 - Success of the Grant-in-Aid program is thanks to municipal interest to early adopt Municipal Roads General Permit standards and the coordination of Regional Planning Commissions
 - Allocation for phosphors extraction technology was reduced from \$2 million to \$1.6 million based on demand and funding available
 - There has also been significant natural resources demand, thus the additional bond premium funds were appropriated for natural resources restoration projects, which represent a substantial component of the Lake Champlain and Lake Memphremagog restoration plans (e.g., floodplain, river, lakeshore, and wetland restoration)
 - Question from the public: When these allocations are approved, will there be future opportunities to adjust/move funds across line items? Feasibility study is underway to recommend in-lake treatment options for Lake Carmi, and the cost of implementation is still unknown; will there be opportunities to add funds (if needed) once the cost of implementation is known?
 - Response: There are opportunities to adjust and break projects into steps based on funds available; DEC has already committed to pay for the engineering of the pilot project; if results of pilot project turn out to be more expensive, there are other funding sources available
 - Bond premium funds are tentatively earmarked for clean water work in FY2019
 - Deputy Ferland: bond premium funds are not yet appropriated; funds must be appropriated through the capital bill process during the upcoming Legislative session

- Approval of FY2019 Clean Water Fund and Capital allocations
 - Final FY2019 Clean Water Fund and Capital allocations provided in meeting materials
 - Julie Moore motioned to approve the allocations of FY2019 Clean Water Fund and Capital Funds as proposed in November 6th meeting materials
 - Joe Flynn seconded the motion
 - No objections
 - FY2019 Clean Water Fund and Capital Fund allocations approved

Clean Water Fund FY2019 Budget Instructions

4:00-4:10 pm

Agency of Administration Assistant Director of Budget and Management Sam Winship

- Sam Winship will communicate instructions to the agencies
- Targets will be issued directly to the agencies' CFOs

Update on Common Signage for State-Funded Clean Water Projects

4:10-4:15 pm

Buildings and General Services Principal Assistant to the Commissioner Erik Filkorn

- Signs are being manufactured as 18” x 24” aluminum signs with 60” posts; additional \$1,500 needed for posts (break-away and dig-safe); sign order has been placed; VTrans is handling payments and billing to other agencies

Update on Legislative Reports

4:15-4:20 pm

Clean Water Initiative Program Nonpoint Source Coordinator Emily Bird

- No need for the December Board meeting to review the draft Vermont Clean Water Initiative 2017 Investment Report; the review process will be coordinated with agency staff

Comments from the Public

4:20-4:25 pm

Secretary Susanne Young

- Andrea and Ernie Englehardt (Lake Carmi Campers Association) expressed appreciation for the support of the Administration to address issues in Lake Carmi; hope aeration project will bring relief to cyanobacteria blooms
- Peter Gregory (on behalf of Regional Planning Commissions) is pleased to partner with state government to provide support to municipalities to clean up our waterways; Regional Planning Commissions want to help with projects and legislative outreach to communicate ongoing work
- Jared Carpenter (Lake Champlain Committee) thanked everyone for their hard work

Next Steps/Future Meeting

4:25-4:30 pm

Secretary Susanne Young

- Next step to revisit allocation in April based on revenue if needed

Adjourn

4:30 pm

- Joe Flynn motioned to adjourn the meeting
- Julie Moore seconded the motion
- Meeting adjourned 4:13 PM

Supporting Materials:

1. September 5, 2017 Draft Clean Water Fund Board Meeting Minutes
2. October 2, 2017 Draft Clean Water Fund Board Meeting Minutes
3. October 31, 2017 Draft Clean Water Fund Board Meeting Minutes
4. FY2019 Clean Water Fund Board Budget Process
5. Compilation of FY2019 Clean Water Fund Bond Premium Public Comments (October 2017)
6. Final FY2019 Clean Water Fund Priorities and Allocations (November 6, 2017)