

**Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee Meeting  
Pursuant to Act 57 of 2023**

**November 14, 2023  
1:06 pm – 2:45 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Senator Chris Bray (State Senate), Kim Jensen (DEC), Sarah Owen (VDH), Eric Palmer (FWD), Hannah Smith (DEC Legal), and Olin Reed (DEC).

The meeting was delayed until 1:06 pm to ensure member quorum.

1. Meeting Minutes October 31, 2023

A motion was made by Chris Bray and seconded by Eric Palmer, all were in favor, to accept the October 31, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

2. Review and Discuss Act 57 ANC Study Committee Report Draft

- a. The committee discussed and agreed to recommend having the ANC Permit for Pesticides process go through Type 2 Procedures, rather than Type 3 or Type 1 Procedures.
- b. The committee discussed and recommended that a press release should be included as a permit condition for applications and treatments.
- c. The committee discussed and agreed to recommend that a municipality, state agency, or federal agency be a co-applicant for ANC Permit for Pesticides in a public body of water.
- d. The committee agreed to complete a final review of the draft by 11/17/23 COB, and the draft to be sent to Commissioners, with comments from them returned and due 12/1/23 COB.

3. Developed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

1. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023
2. Act 57 ANC Study Committee Report Draft Discussion
3. Develop Agenda Items
4. Public Comment Period
5. Close Meeting

4. Public Comments

- a. A private citizen commented that AAFM and ANR have a stringent and science-based process to approve and use pesticides safely in Vermont and additional burdens to this process would jeopardize future projects. They were concerned that requiring municipality as an applicant/co-applicant may also impact projects.
- b. Another private citizen was concerned about municipality requirements as applicant/co-applicant.
- c. The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds representative also shared concern that requiring municipality as an applicant/co-applicant may impact projects. Requests clarification on what social media would be required.
- d. A private citizen provided their support the requirement of a municipality to be applicant/co-applicant.

5. Meeting Close at 2:45 pm

The next Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2023. The Agenda and meeting link will be available on the [DEC Act 57 \(2023\) Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee webpage](#).