

**Vermont Clean Water Board Meeting  
State Fiscal Year 2025 Clean Water Budget Public Hearing Minutes**

Date/Time: Thursday, November 2, 2023, 2:30–4:00 pm

Virtual Option to Attend: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Physical Location to Attend In-Person: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in the Catamount Room (Davis Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room D215)

Meeting details, materials, and recordings available at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/board/meetings>

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**Clean Water Board Members/Designees:**

Douglas Farnham, Agency of Administration (AoA) Chief Recovery Officer and Designated Clean Water Board Chair (Present)

Tayt Brooks, Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) Deputy Secretary (Present)

Alison Conant, public member (Present)

Bob Flint, public member (Present)

Joe Flynn, Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Secretary (Absent)

Neil Kamman, Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Water Investment Division Director on behalf of Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Secretary (Present)

Jim Giffin, public member (Present)

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

Chad Tyler, public member (Present)

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**1. Showing of pre-recorded [State Fiscal Year 2025 Clean Water Budget presentation](#)**

*Optional for those who viewed the pre-recorded presentation on their own schedule*

**2. Welcome**

**Recording Time Stamp 1:13<sup>1</sup>**

*Douglas Farnham, Chief Recovery Officer and Clean Water Board Chair*

The Chair, Chief Recovery Officer, Douglas Farnham convened the meeting at 2:30 pm. Chair Farnham provided a clarification that Sarah Clark was appointed as Deputy Secretary of Administration, Chair Farnham's previously vacated role. However, Chair Farnham will continue as Secretary Clouser's appointee as the Clean Water Board Chair.

**3. Clarifying questions and answers on draft State Fiscal Year 2025 Clean Water Budget Meeting Recording**

**Recording Time Stamp 4:23**

*Emily Bird, Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program Manager*

There were no clarifying questions on the draft State Fiscal Year 2025 Clean Water Budget meeting recording.

**4. Public comment**

**Recording Time Stamp 6:26**

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the available meeting recording to learn more about discussion content under each agenda item. Recording Time Stamps are highlighted to direct focus on the recording. Recording can be directly accessed here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KX\\_IeM4u9mQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KX_IeM4u9mQ)

Commenters:

1. Albert Perry: Commented on Lake Carmi, see meeting recording.
2. John Costa: Commented on Lake Carmi and shared photos, see meeting recording.

Chair Farnham remarked that while poor water quality can impact localized property values and the town's grand list, impacts can also be felt statewide given the structure of how Vermont taxes and funds education. Deputy Secretary Tayt Brooks thanked John Costa for providing the pictures of Lake Carmi to the Board.

- 5. Wrap-up, summarize next steps** **Recording Time Stamp 19:58**  
*Emily Bird, Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Initiative Program Manager*  
Emily Bird summarized the ways that the public can participate in the public comment process. They may voice their comments at the public hearing, send written comments to the clean water email address ([ANR.cleanwaterVT@vermont.gov](mailto:ANR.cleanwaterVT@vermont.gov)), or fill out the State Fiscal Year 2025 Clean Water Budget Public Comment questionnaire. She also mentioned that the public comment period will run until November 20, 2023 and the Board may make adjustments to the budget based on the results of those comments. The Board will reconvene on December 5<sup>th</sup> to consider public comment and finalize the State Fiscal Year 2025 Clean Water Budget recommendation.
- 6. Adjourn** **Recording Time Stamp 22:00**  
The Clean Water Board adjourned at 3:43 pm.