

DRAFT MINUTES APRIL 16, 2015

Main Conference Room CCRPC, 110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT

Joint RSEP & CCST MEETING

<u>Member</u>	<u>in Attendance</u>		<u>Member</u>	<u>in Attendance</u>
Burlington			Burlington Airport	<i>Doug Campbell, Stantec</i>
Colchester			Essex	<i>Dennis Lutz</i>
Essex Junction	<i>Jim Jutras</i>		Milton	
Shelburne	<i>Chris Robinson (10:15)</i>		South Burlington	<i>Tom DiPietro</i>
UVM	<i>Lani Ravin</i>		Williston	<i>Lisa Sheltra</i>
Winooski			VTrans	<i>Jennifer Callahan</i>
<u>Ex-Officio Member</u>	<u>in Attendance</u>		<u>Ex-Officio Member</u>	<u>in Attendance</u>
CCRPC	<i>Dan Albrecht, Regina Mahony Charlie Baker</i>		ANR	<i>Jim Pease</i>
<u>Others</u>	<u>in Attendance</u>		<u>Others</u>	<u>in Attendance</u>

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. New England Stormwater Collaborative Award

Albrecht reiterated his apology for any concerns or misunderstandings caused by the language of the award nomination. The Stormy Award panel discussions at the New England Water Works Association went well. Chris Robinson was able to join him for a photo. Other groups also receiving a “Regional Collaboration for Enhance Stormwater Program Efficiency Award” were: Bristol, CT for a stormwater control structure trust account to ensure ponds and other features are maintained and an interesting IDDE partnership between the City of Lowell and U-Mass Lowell involving engineering students. Albrecht distributed the draft press from the Collaborative for review which he and Jutras had already edited for clarity yesterday.

3. – RSEP and CCST budget updates

Albrecht distributed a checking account balance report for RSEP. The current balance is about \$60,399. After paying \$1,546 for CCRPC’s January through March hours and paying for \$19,855 worth of ads this spring, the balance will be approximately \$38,977. As for CCST, it is anticipated that operations will consume the full FY15 budget.

4. – Formation of a CCRPC Water Quality Committee to address evolving issues in MS-4 and non-MS-4 communities

Baker noted that given the various elements in the water quality legislation moving through the Legislature that he would like to explore having CCRPC create a more formal forum for discussion that brings together all the county’s municipalities to address water quality issues. The Committee would be similar to CCRPC’s Transportation Advisory Committee which is comprised of municipal representatives. Creation of such a committee would require a bylaw change within CCRPC. Committee members expressed interest in the concept. Baker indicated he would investigate the issue further and reach back out to this group.

5. – Elements for a consolidated RSEP-CCST MOU

Jutras noted that he had met with Albrecht and Baker earlier this morning to discuss the issue and they agreed to evaluate the feasibility of combining the MOUs and the efforts to go into effect starting July 2016. CCRPC staff will work over the next few months to refine what a combined budget and operations would look like so that municipalities are provided documents in the fall of 2015 for use in municipal budget planning. Given the RSEP surplus it should be feasible to keep it revenue neutral. Another key point will be to continue to reserve dues so that a new survey can be conducted in 2018. Albrecht noted that FY16 for RSEP is planned to be a “media refresh” year so that more of the annual \$60,000 budget will be used. He will report back at the June RSEP meeting with a rough outline what an FY17 budget might look like.

6. Updates

Lutz noted that effective October 1, 2015 the MS-4s will need to have started developing a program to provide technical assistance to landowners to aid in implementation of low impact BMPs. Albrecht noted that he has created a page on the RSEP website to host such information and that ANR has concurred that that aids in meeting the requirement.

Callahan noted that VAOT is encouraging municipalities to submit stormwater-related projects for Transportation Alternatives funding.

DiPietro noted that discussions are ongoing with ANR regarding cost-sharing mechanisms for the flow monitoring stations. Jutras recommended that the MS-4s come together during the morning of May 21st to discuss this issue.

Pease noted that a noted National MS-4 advocacy group is forming.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.