

Two Rivers – Ottawaquechee Regional Commission Clean Water Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
TRORC Office, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, VT

Attendees:

Steve Libby	Vermont River Conservancy
Marie Caduto	Vermont DEC
Danielle Owczarski	Vermont DEC
Matt Osborn	Vermont DEC
Ron Rhodes	Connecticut River Conservancy
Todd Menees	Vermont DEC
Jess Richter	TRORC/CRC
Kevin Geiger	TRORC
Pete Fellows	TRORC

Minutes:

1. TRORC Basin 10 Comments & Recommendation of Basin 10 to be reviewed by TRORC Board

- A copy of the TRORC Basin 10 Comments letter was distributed to all present Committee members to review and discuss. Issues were brought up regarding language within the Basin 10 Plan – specifically regarding the language “reasonably attainable” as well as “existing use.” After review by Committee members, Ron Rhodes made a motion to move the letter with any changes made from the meeting regarding the language “reasonably attainable” and “existing uses” to the Board. Steve Libby second this motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Impervious Surface Discussion

- The suggestion of a \$40 base fee per parcel was initially proposed and is the contents an existing Senate Bill (S.260 “An act relating to the funding the cleanup of State Waters: “equitable and effective long-term funding method”) that is in the process of being developed, reviewed, and debated by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. Pete Fellows, speaking on behalf of TRORC, suggested the option of a \$40 (flexible) base fee with an additional adjustable fee based on parcel size. The comment was well received by the rest of the Committee.

3. Basin 10: Tactical Basin Plan: Ottawaquechee River, Black River, and Lulls Brook

- Marie Caduto gave a presentation to the Committee on the Basin 10 Plan. The purpose of this presentation was to compile any comments and/or recommendations on the presentation itself before it is given at three Basin 10 public meetings at the end of January. Suggestions were given in order to improve public reception and support.

128 King Farm Rd.
Woodstock, VT 05091
802-457-3188
trorc.org

William B. Emmons, III, Chair
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

4. Basin 10: Ottawaquechee Basin Project List

- Marie Caduto quickly overviewed the DEC Watersheds Project database. A comment was made in the TRORC Basin 10 Comments letter regarding the implementation of project prioritization regarding these and Danielle Owczarski confirmed that some level of prioritization would be useful.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.