

Missisquoi Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC)

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting video posted at <https://youtu.be/mZSUpPiBGW0>

A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NRPC YOUTUBE CHANNEL (Link above).

THE WRITTEN MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING. MOTIONS ARE AS STATED. MINUTES WILL BE SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE COUNCIL. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Council Members: Sarah Downes (Q), Lauren Weston (Q), Heidi Britch-Valenta (Q), Beth Torpey (Q), Allaire Diamond (Q), Ted Sedell (Q), Dan Seeley (Q), Ellen Fox (Q), Mel Auffredou (q)

Q= towards quorum q= towards quorum when representative has recused

Staff: Nora Brown

Others present: Kerry Brosnan & Sadie Preece (FCNRCD), Jim Pease, Chris Rottler (DEC), (Redstart)

1. Welcome and introductions

Since neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair were present, a decision was made to shorten the meeting and have Lauren Weston chair.

Lauren opened the meeting at 11:05am.

2. Meeting protocols

This agenda item was skipped.

3. Conflict of interest declarations, if any

Allaire Diamond noted that Vermont Land Trust has an application before the BWQC for review, so she will be recusing herself from that discussion.

4. Review/adjust and approve agenda

Lauren Weston requested a motion to amend the agenda to only include review of Vermont Land Trust's application, deferring all other agenda items to a special meeting.

Beth Torpey made the motion. Sarah Downes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Application Review

Allaire Diamond presented the Stone J&M dam removal implementation project application on behalf of Vermont Land Trust. The project will involve removal of a small dam created by old railroad embankment through area of wetland in Missisquoi floodplain. This project is on a VLT-owned parcel. VLT also owns the parcel to west and is doing lots of restoration there. Preliminary and final design were funded through a Watersheds United Vermont enhancement grant.

The total project cost for implementation is \$227,771.26, resulting in phosphorus reduction benefits of 13.7 kg/yr, plus a one-time 25.07 kg benefit. The project's cost effectiveness is \$27,000/kg, not counting the one-time P credit.

Ellen Fox shared that the North Troy community is supportive of this project.

Ted Sedell joined the meeting at 11:15, during Allaire's presentation.

Beth Torpey motioned to approve the project. Sarah Downes seconded. Allaire Diamond abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Future Meeting topics/Conclusion

Beth Torpey motioned to adjourn. Sarah Downes seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.