

**Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Clarendon Community Center
January 27, 2021**

Supervisors Present: Bridget Bowen, Mike Pedone and Alan Shelvey

Also Present: Nanci McGuire

Meeting called to order at: 9:35 a.m.

Minutes from the November 18 Meeting were approved.

Financial Reports for November and December were reviewed, discussed, and then approved.

Grant Financials for Young's Brook, LCBP (Town of Brandon) and Cold River Berm Removal were reviewed, discussed, and then approved.

District Manager Report: (Nanci McGuire)

Discussion on:

District Manager Meetings – I participated in zoom meetings on December 1 and January 5. The next DM Meeting will be on February 2.

Act 76 – DEC has put the Rule out for public comment. Once the Rule is final DEC will create a Guidance Document for Clean Water Service Providers which will include Basin Water Quality Councils.

Addison RPC is the Clean Water Service Provider for Basin 3 (Otter Creek).

Spring Tree Sale 2021 – I am receiving orders daily.

Pick up will be Saturday, May 8 and the location is Rutland Town Highway Garage.

I could use any help that I could get the week of May 3.

Clean Water Lecture Series – I participated in this meeting on January 7, via Zoom led by Padraic Monks with DEC regarding the Stormwater General Permit for 3-acre sites.

LaRosa Lab Partners Meeting – I participated in this meeting via zoom on December 14. This program has been restructured. DEC along with Basin Planners will select sites to be sampled. There will be 8 sampling events from May – August 2021 to include 2 high flow events. Watershed Management Personnel will coordinate drop off of sample bottles, transporting the samples to the lab.

Samples will be collected for phosphorus, nitrogen, and chloride.

Agricultural Specialist – I participated in reviewing resumes and cover letters for this position along with Hilary, Jennifer Alexander, Katy (BCCD) and others. A phone interview was completed with Amelia Bruss on January 18. Hilary contacted Amelia's references and it has been decided to hire Amelia.

GRANTS:

ERP FY2017 Cold River Berm Removal –

Parkers completed the 3-hour blow test and got to 285 ft to reach 30 gallons per minute. Parkers will need to get all of the Water Quality samples to the lab for analysis and once the results come back from the lab these will go to Enman-Kesselring Engineering and they will complete the permitting and provide a design for the well. I am hopeful that the installation of the well will take place in the Spring.

LCBP Best Management Practices for Pollution Reduction: Implementation and Planning Grants (Town of Brandon) –

I participated in a zoom meeting with Andres and David Atherton on January 21 where Andres reviewed the draft plans with us. Andres has a couple of changes to make to these plans and will share these with Shannon Pytlik and others before finalizing. David Atherton is going to reach out to a couple of Landscaping companies that the Town has worked with and ask them for a quote to construct these projects. Once we receive quote's we

will work together to select a contractor and enter into agreement for construction. The plan is to have both projects constructed by the end of the Summer 2021.

Tactical Basin Planning – Alan and I participated in a Regional Planning Meeting on December 11 with Angie Allen, Barbara Pulling with the Rutland RPC and Hilary.

I completed and submitted the workplan for Tactical Basin Planning for October 2020 through the end of June 2021 to NRCC. Holden will be reviewing these workplans and getting back to Districts in the near future.

Southern Windsor County RPC Block Grant (Wallingford Elementary School) – After discussion with the SWCRPC, The School Board and the Town Selectboard it was decided to move forward with the FINAL design for the school. The next step is for Watershed Consulting to coordinate with Gary Marcy, Director of Operations for the school district to dig soil test pits.

ERP FY2020 Youngs Brook Dam Removal –Milone and MacBroom is continuing to work on surveying and completing hydrology studies.

LCBP Best Management Practices for Pollution Reduction: Implementation and Planning Grants (City of Rutland) – The District received word from LCBP that we were awarded funding to hire an Engineering Consultant to complete a Phosphorus Control Plan for the City of Rutland. I submitted a workplan and am waiting for this to be approved. Once the workplan is approved I will put out a bid to consultants. The amount that the District will be awarded is \$49,943.

Other Business:

Need Board Member – Ted has decided he no longer wants to serve on the RNRCD Board.

MOU Between with RNRCD, NRCS and NRCC – Bridget signed this and mailed back to NRCS.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 9:30 at the Clarendon Grange Hall

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.