



Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 23rd, 2020 8:30-10:30am
Meeting in-person at Berlin Office

Attendees: Gianna Petito, Rick Hopkins, Jeff Cueto, Rich Turner (via phone), Russ Barret, Paul Hartshorn, Bruce Howlett (NRCS), Bob Paquin (via phone), Mike Raboin (for 5 minutes to say hello).

8:40 Meeting Called to Order

Bob introduced himself, has background as FSA state director and worked with NRCS on the state technical committee. Played a large role in Irene recovery with farm disaster programs. Lives in Shelburne and coordinates with Lewis Creek Association.

NRCS updates

Into new fiscal year. Haven't announced next batching deadlines except for EQIP = Nov 20th. Second batch is likely later but date is unknown. Software not ready until end of the year. Re. big farmstead projects, minority of actual applicants, and will only be funded in this round 1 process. Forestry and wildlife projects are more in demand but no forester lined up to help with forest management plans.

NRCC updates

Met remotely last month. Got less money from legislature because of the pandemic. New TBP grant was issued. Clare is the new finance manager. Survey results are back about council meetings. Council working on supporting districts with roll out of Act 76.

Other updates

Rich - EAB draft plan for Williamstown approved by select board.

Rick - Cross VT trail new bridge construction has begun.

Russ - Northfield doing a webinar.

Paul motions, Jeff 2nd for Sept minutes approval, no discussion. Passed.

Paul motioned, Rich 2nd for financial report, no discussion. Passed.

Staff updates: no questions from the board.

Rick proposed to move to meetings every other month. Motioned by Paul, 2nd by Russ, passes.

Motion to adjourn by Paul. 2nd by Russ, passes,

Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 - 8:30am - Meeting online - Zoom link will be provided later.