

**Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee (VTCAC) on  
Lake Champlain's Future**

**State of the Lake Information Session**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Big Ed Classroom, Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center  
505 Lake Street, Burlington, VT 05401**

**APPROVED MEETING SUMMARY**

**Committee Members Present:** Eric Clifford, Wayne Elliott, Lori Fisher, Bill Howland, Sen. Ginny Lyons, David Mears, Mark Naud, Jeff Wennberg

**Committee Members Absent:** Rep. Steve Beyor, Sen. Carolyn Branagan, Rep. Carol Ode

**Public Guests:** Aiden, CCTV

Meeting summary by Bethany Sargent, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

**6:00 – 6:30 pm**

1. **Introductions** (5 min) – Lori Fisher
2. **Consent agenda** (5 min) – Lori Fisher

**Review and vote on July 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Summary**

*See attached: [July 24<sup>th</sup> VTCAC Annual Retreat Draft Summary \(180724 VTCAC Annual Retreat Draft Summary.pdf\)](#)*

**Adopt the VTCAC Board Book with staff and membership revisions**

*See attached: [VTCAC Board Book \(180724 VTCAC Board Book.pdf\)](#)*

Wayne Elliott clarified his statement on the top of page three: they had been ineffective in convincing the legislature and administration to move forward with funding.

David Mears moved to approve the minutes as amended; Wayne Elliott seconded. Vote unanimous.

There was consensus to continue to address this type of business through a consent agenda.

3. **Update on potential VTCAC nominees (5 min)** – Lori Fisher

Lori Fisher updated the committee on her outreach to Gerianne Smart. At present, Gerianne does not have the capacity to serve on the VTCAC due to work and volunteer commitments but hopes we will consider her in the future. She offered to brainstorm potential candidates to fit that communications role.

Denise Smith noted at the Monday night St. Albans State of the Lake information session that she would be interested in serving on the VTCAC again.

Lori Fisher and David Mears both contacted David Deen. He will get back to them in the next few weeks.

Lori Fisher noted Kent Henderson, chair of Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC), expressed interest in serving on the VTCAC. He plans to advance his nomination by completing the online application form.

Bill Howland highlighted the importance of VTCAC members bringing their specific skills and experience to bear, but that they should not be representing an entity or organization.

David Mears encouraged the VTCAC to consider diversity in their representation: geographic, gender, race, age, perspective.

Lori Fisher confirmed that the VTCAC doesn't advance any nominations at this time, but that it should be a priority for the fall.

Bob Fischer agreed that it's important to have a full roster, but also to ensure quality candidates.

Bill Howland asked everyone develop a list of suggestions and to consider those who may not already attend meetings regularly. He mentioned Miranda Lescaze as an example of someone who is knowledgeable of the issues, but not currently engaged in water quality work.

Senator Lyons mentioned Sen. Ayer used to be on the VTCAC, is retiring from the senate, and lives on the lake.

David Mears asked each VTCAC member to send three names in advance of November's meeting. If that doesn't work, then we form a subcommittee.

Mark Naud mentioned that there will be two new legislative appointments.

Bill Howland asked if the committee had explored meeting in Montpelier during the legislative session.

Lori Fisher replied that where and when we meet is up for discussion.

Wayne Elliott asked if all members count toward quorum?

Lori Fisher replied yes, but with two inactive members, having a quorum can be challenging.

**4. Determine November, December, and January meeting dates, times, locations, and topics (15 min) –**  
Lori Fisher

*See attached: Summary of 2017/2018 past meetings and topics identified for future meetings (2017-2018 VTCAC Past Potential Mtg Topics Speakers.pdf)*

Bill Howland mentioned that attending Monday meetings is difficult with his current schedule, but that he could change is Monday commitment if needed.

Senator Lyons replied that it's important to meet Mondays during the legislative session.

Jeff Wennberg stated that he can't do the first and third Mondays but the second and fourth are fine.

Lori Fisher suggested they consider the focus, date, and location of the January meeting at our November meeting. She will be away in late November but since that date is good for the majority, we should set a meeting and continue work on the Action Plan.

November 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Shelburne Town Offices, action plan work group meeting  
December 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Shelburne Town Offices, action plan work group meeting

The second Monday of the month would be January 14<sup>th</sup>. David Mears suggested Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Moore could present on a spending plan she will be bringing to the legislature.

Ginny moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Howland seconded: vote unanimous.