

Lake Champlain Basin Program

Steering Committee Meeting

[Clinton Community College](#), Clinton Point Dr., Plattsburgh, NY
Institute for Advanced Manufacturing (IAM) Building, Rooms 203A and 213A

Draft Minutes - Tuesday 12 December 2017

9:30 AM Arrive, meet and greet (*coffee etc. provided*)

Attendance:

Steering Committee members:

Present: Tom Martin, Chair (for Bob Stegemann, NYSDEC), Martin Mimeault (for Daniel Leblanc, QC MDDELCC), John Krueger (HAPAC Chair), Laura Treishmann (VT ACCD), Buzz Hoerr (E&O Committee Chair), Alyson Eastman (VT AAFM), Mike Winslow (TAC Chair).

Remote participants: Renee Rouleau (Mayor, Clarenceville, QC), Julie Moore (VT ANR), Lori Fisher (VT CAC Chair), Breck Bowden (Lake Champlain SeaGrant), Mario Paula (EPA R2, for Rick Balla), Sara Hart (NYS OPRHP), Daria Mazey (USACE, for Jason Shea), MaryJo Feuerbach (EPA R1 for Mel Cote), Caitlin Lecker (NYS Empire Development), Vicky Drew (VT–NRCS), Pierre Leduc (QC CAC),

Guests: Matt Olsen, student at Green Mountain College, Renee McFarlin (Cong. Stefanik), Susan Merrell (Sen. Gillibrand), Tom Berry (Sen. Leahy), George Twigg (Cong. Welch), Kari Dolan (VT DEC)

Staff: LCBP: Meg Modley, Ryan Mitchell, Ellen Kujawa, Elizabeth Lee, Jim Brangan, Colleen Hickey, Eric Howe, Matt Vaughan. Fred Dunlap (NYSDEC), Bethany Sargent (VT DEC), Jane Ceraso (NEIWPC)

10:00 Meeting Begins *Tom Martin, Chair (for Bob Stegemann, NYSDEC)*

- Welcome and Introductions
- Draft Meeting Agenda review
- ***ACTION ITEM:*** May 2017 Steering Committee minutes approval. Motion to approve by Buzz Hoerr, second by John K. Motion carried.
- ***John Kreuger*** – John spoke of Lieutenant Thomas and Lucy Macdonough who were married in Middletown Ct., on this day in 1812. Macdonough served on Lake Champlain and commanded the American naval forces that defeated the British navy at the Battle of Lake Champlain in 1814 and was credited with driving the British forces from Lake Champlain, removing any claims by the British for territory in the region and effectively ended the War of 1812. The 135-foot obelisk across from Plattsburgh City Hall is the Macdonough Monument, in recognition of American soldiers and sailors in the Battle of Plattsburgh.

10:05 Public Comments – none provided.

10:15 Updates from Committee members - *Please provide written updates to be circulated in advance*

- Jurisdictional Updates (*NY, QC, VT*)
 - Martin Mimeault (Québec): Daniel Leblanc should be back at work after Christmas. We now have a new minister of the Environment, Isabelle Melançon. She is now at the OneClimate meeting in Paris. Québec has a new law to reinforce the protection of wetlands in Québec. The new law requires mitigation or provision of funds to support protection of other wetlands from development.

- Martin is happy that we have so many people in Québec working with LCBP. Research Symposium looks like it will be a great event. He will continue to make sure Québec is working with Matt Vaughan on the Rock River project.
- The QC-VT agreement on Missisquoi Bay is overdue. There will be a conference call tomorrow to discuss another draft; hoping to have it signed by the Premier before next Québec election in fall 2018.
- Julie Moore (Vermont): The new ERP RFP is open into January. Two other grant rounds for clean water were completed, a total of \$2.1 million was awarded for projects. VT AAFM has awarded \$1 million in grants. The Act 73 working group will be presenting recommendations to legislature. Other VT updates were circulated in hardcopy and are appended to this meeting summary.
- Tom Martin (New York) – hemlock wooly adelgid was found on Prospect Mountain in Lake George this summer; this is the first finding of this invasive species in the Adirondack Park. The insect was found on three trees; several hundred trees in the area were treated with insecticide. The nearest known location is 40 miles away; currently unsure of the vector. Cornell University is building a new facility to study the adelgid and to raise predator beetles for control efforts. Emerald ash borer has been identified in Franklin and Saint Lawrence counties. The presence of this invasive insect will lead to the loss of an entire genus of a species. A hydrilla fragment was intercepted by the Paul Smith’s College Boat Launch Steward program this summer. Lake George continues to have *E. coli* contamination issues on beaches at the southern end of the lake. Monitoring efforts have uncovered leaking sewer system lines. Several new salt and sand structures have been constructed in Clinton County – this is a good news story for salt coverage in these places. Round whitefish recovery efforts in the Adirondacks are starting to show signs of success.
- Federal Partners (*EPA R1/R2, USFWS, NPS, NRCS (NY/VT), USACE, others*)
 - MaryJo Feuerbach (EPA R1) – delighted that Region 1 will soon have a new Regional Administrator, Alex Dunne. She most recently served as Executive Director of the Environmental Council of States. Looking forward to introducing her to Lake Champlain.
 - Mario Paula (EPA R2) – R2 also has a new Regional Administrator, Pete Lopez. Pete comes from the NYS Assembly, representing several counties around the Albany region. He has an extensive background around environmental protection in his career in the Assembly.
 - Andrew Milliken, USFWS – had a great follow up story in the “Voice of the East” on the sea lamprey barrier in Québec. LCWFMC is a partnership of NYSDEC, VT FWD, USFWS, Québec Ministry of Fish and Wildlife, and others works on fisheries management on Lake Champlain. Currently working on updating their Fisheries Strategic Plan, which can be a very complementary document to *Opportunities for Action*. USFWS continues to work on improving aquatic connectivity. They will be refilling two vacancies. They are working to remove Quarry Dam on West Branch of the Ausable River, which will make nearly 100 miles passable. Eisenhower Hatchery has been stocking fish in the Boquet River, and White River NFH reopened one year ago and is now developing broodstock for Atlantic salmon in Lake Champlain; the hope is that this new strain will be tolerant to thiamine deficiency. There is a workgroup working on modeling salmon habitat in the Winooski river, and the idea is to work information from this effort into the salmon restoration plan. We continue to see success in the Boquet River after Willsboro dam removal; over 100 salmon moved up above

the dam. Surveys above the dam found 40 new salmon redds this fall. Natural reproduction documented in Boquet last year for first time in 150 years. A number of salmon made it up the new falls in Willsboro on their own without assistance this year. The Lake Champlain Research Conference will have a full salmon session with 10 talks focused on salmon restoration. The 2018 Sea lamprey control program will treat four tributaries in NY, including 2 new tributaries: Little Chazy and Ray Brook. The Northeast Fish & Wildlife conference will be held in Burlington, VT this coming April. Tom Berry added that cormorant control has been under a depredation order, which was thrown out by a court a few years ago; USFWS has updated their depredation plans for aquaculture; and the next step is to do this for free-swimming fish. Tom also added that all environmental NEPA compliance reviews must be less than one year and less than 150 pages long, making it nearly impossible to conduct new research under a NEPA order. USFWS is initiating a stakeholder process to discuss management of cormorant predation on free swimming fish.

- Vicky Drew, VT NRCS – NRCS staff have been closing out statewide EQIP grants. They received about \$22 million in requests for EQIP grants last year; this year have \$12.8 million in EQIP (75% in Champlain). There still has not been a Director appointed for NRCS at the national level. NRCS is on a soft hiring freeze; Vicky has been able to fill a few entry-level positions, but no higher-level positions. Kip Potter retiring this month. Rico Balzano, who was originally hired into the VT agronomist program, was hired into NRCS.
- Daria Mazey (USACE) – Daria reported that we now have a signed PPA for the Champlain Canal feasibility study, and Diana Kohtio will be the USACE biologist working on this. The NY District office also will be leveraging USACE staff from Great Lakes offices to support this study. There are two new studies going through the approval process for Section 542 that were approved by the Executive Committee on November 30. District reviews of updates to the general management plan are on Colonel Asbery’s desk for his signature, then Eric Howe will sign today (pending approval by the Steering Committee this afternoon), and then the plan will be sent up to USACE Headquarters for approval. Daria would like to see approval authority for new projects delegated to the regional offices rather than HQ. This would greatly expedite the USACE approval process. There is a directive from USACE to look for opportunities to do this, and the NY team feels that this would be a good time to highlight the Champlain program. Mark Lulka has moved on to the military branch; Matt Cosby will be focusing on Champlain work now. Matt has worked on the Silver Jackets program in the Champlain region.
- Breck Bowden (Lake Champlain Sea Grant) – LCSG was recommended to move up to Institute status within the Sea Grant system by the National Sea Grant Advisory Board. This move may bring additional funding to the LCSG program that will enhance programming. Actions still need to be made by Secretary of the Interior to approve this, and then will still need funding appropriated. Breck thanked Senator Leahy and Tom Berry for creating the possibility for increased funding through language in Senate Appropriations bill.
- Advisory Committee Updates (2 min each) CAC:
 - Pierre Leduc (QC CAC) – Pierre reported on recent erosion control projects in the Pike River watershed, targeting erosion projects for 2 years. OBVBM staff have met 36 farmers and are finding a strong participation rate with 29

of 36 farmers committed to implementing pollution reduction projects on their farms. The QC CAC/OBVBM also is continuing to work with the Granby Zoo on spiny softshell turtle monitoring projects. OBVBM staff worked on 2 LCBP-funded projects this past summer, hiring 2 boat launch stewards last summer who fielded many water quality-related questions from people in the area. They will be looking for additional training for the stewards next summer to help their staff answer questions of this nature. Two other OBVBM interns completed the buffer zone characterization project, which also was supported with LCBP funds. They found that 20% of the streambanks inspected did not conform to management regulations. The goal for next year is to survey two more municipalities. OBVBM is involved in the two new IJC studies, and staff were interviewed in the VT PBS special. They also are working on drinking water improvement studies in municipalities in the region.

- Fred Dunlap (NY CAC) – Fred reported that the NY CAC helped organize its first water chestnut hand pulling event in July. 6-7 volunteers pulled 1,100 pounds of water chestnut from South Bay. The CAC is planning to hold a similar event next summer. The CAC is connected in to the Plattsburgh Interpretive Center committee, working toward a cultural and historical presence on the NY side of the lake that could be managed by the LCBP, and would complement the material based at the Leahy Center in Burlington and in the LCBP Resource Room at that facility. The CAC is excited that there is progress on the AIS barrier on the Champlain Canal, and are very appreciative to our Federal representatives for their support through the FY18 budget process.
- Lori Fisher (VT CAC) – the VT CAC has heard presentations from Keith Robinson on the IJC Lake Champlain-Richelieu River flood study, and from Christine Vatovek (UVM), Cary Giguere (VAAF), and Angela Shambaugh (VTDEC) on contaminants in Lake Champlain. The group is working on their 2018 VT CAC Action Plan with recommendations to Governor and VT State Legislature. They will be finalizing this Plan during their January 2018 meeting.
- Buzz Hoerr (E&O Cmte) – The group held their last meeting in November, and the next one will be in early January to discuss FY18 budget tasks related to education & outreach activities. Buzz noted that the Resource Room has been very busy and commented that the staff there are extremely well trained and are able to answer nearly any question asked of them or will get back to you if they don't know the answer. Colleen Hickey reported that she has been busy with CBEI and teacher training activities. (see attached handout for further information on E&O updates).
- John Krueger (HAPAC) – The Spitfire Subcommittee has had several conference calls to develop a role for CVNHP/LCBP in the Spitfire restoration. The CVNHP Summit held in Lake George at the end of October was very successful! The Executive Committee reviewed CVNHP priorities on November 30. Jim met with several representatives from NYS yesterday to discuss the Spitfire project and possible paths forward. The annual CVNHP local grants will be reviewed later this morning. There is enough funding available to support all of the qualified applications.
- Mike Winslow (TAC) – The group has met 5 times since the last Steering Committee meeting. There has been a lot of discussion on tile drainage

work. The group heard updates on the IJC flooding study, the VT/NY agronomy programs, and interesting zooplankton information generated by the long-term monitoring program. The FY18 budget process has been moving forward and is on the agenda for this afternoon to determine which pre-proposals will advance to the full proposal stage of the process. The TAC established a subcommittee to discuss a path forward for the FY17 LCBP Rock River funding. There are two RFPs open now for Enhanced Pollution Prevention grants and Innovative/Alternative Ag projects. See handouts for more information.

▪ **Legislative Updates –**

- Renee McFarlin (Cong. Stefanik) – Renee noted the bipartisan effort between Ms. Stefanik and Mr. Welch on FY18 EPA funding in the House for Lake Champlain. They were able to restore the Lake Champlain funding in the house to the FY17 appropriation level at \$4.399 million.
- George Twigg (Cong. Welch) – George echoed Renee’s comments on the House appropriation bill for Lake Champlain. He added that the FY18 appropriation process is still ongoing, with a continuing resolution in effect until December 22. He is hoping that we are looking at least status quo funding for most Lake Champlain programs. The new proposed tax bill may take revenue out of the federal budget and affect FY19 and beyond.
- Tom Berry (Sen. Leahy) – Tom commented that this was the first time in his memory the House has put forward a good strong number for EPA funding, regardless of the White House administration, and credited Cong. Stefanik and Welch and their staff for their effort on this. There are big issues in play related to the FY18 federal budget. Balancing budgets with the new tax bill in place may require cuts to programs in the longer term. Short-term, the Senate spending bills are in place, and now need to be reconciled with House. The EPA Geographic Area Program funding for Lake Champlain is at \$4.399 million from FY17 plus an additional \$4 million for implementation of the 2016 Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL. The GLFC account has been at around \$3.45M in recent years, and the Senate bill proposes to increase this to about \$5M. The USACE 542 program and water chestnut control programs also are bumped up a little bit. The IJC Flood study will receive another \$1 million, and the newer IJC water quality reference will be supported with in-house funds, as proposed by the IJC. USFWS has funds \$489,000 proposed in its budget to implement sea lamprey control in Lake Champlain, rather than through the GLFC appropriation. The CVNHP will see a small bump up in funding, although not as much as we had hoped for. This all is in the context of a continuing resolution and needs to be reconciled with the House.

- **Manager’s Report –** *LCBP staff* (5 min) Eric reported that it has been a long time since we last met – mid-May of this year! Eric formally introduced Ellen Kujawa to the Steering Committee, as she was not able to attend the May meeting. Ellen was hired in March 2017 to work with Matt and Meg on the technical team. Since the May Steering Committee meeting, we have held the signing event for *Opportunities for Action* in June, the USACE Champlain Canal Barrier Feasibility study has kicked off with a formal agreement between USACE and NEIWPC, LCBP has released the FY17 RFPs for local grants and for larger research and implementation grants for the 2018 field season. We also kicked off the new technical budget development process the

Steering Committee approved earlier this year, which the group will review in detail for the FY18 budget this afternoon. Eric reviewed the meeting schedule for Executive and Steering Committee meetings through April 2018. Eric also briefly described the new IJC reference, which is to request a review of activities and programs to-date that look at efforts to reduce phosphorus loading and ultimately harmful algal bloom occurrences in Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River. Jim Brangan has done a great job recruiting Québec stakeholders into the CVNHP budget development process. Corey Aydlett is our new EcoAmeriCorps service member, and his project this year is focused around developing summer camp programs from a water quality perspective. The upcoming Lake Champlain Research Conference is to be held January 8-9 at the University of Vermont in Burlington. Registration is now open; attendance will be capped at 200 people due to space limitations. Eric reminded the group to look for agendas for upcoming Executive Committee meetings, and that all Steering Committee members are welcome to attend, and all members receive these agendas and meeting materials. The LCBP Annual Report will be completed by end of February. This report highlights LCBP activities in previous fiscal year.

11:45 CVNHP grants - *Jim Brangan (LCBP/CVNHP) and John Krueger, HAPAC chair*

- Motion to enter into Executive Session: Martin moved to approve the Records of Decision as proposed for the CVNHP Local Heritage Grants and the Making of Nations Grants. Second by Buzz Hoerr. All in favor. No opposed or abstentions. The guest from Green Mountain College stepped out of the room.
- Return to Open Session. Motion by Buzz Hoerr to accept the Record of Decision as submitted for both the Heritage grants and the Making of Nations grants. Second by Mike Winslow. All in favor.

12:00 PM LUNCH (*Provided*)

12:45 **USACE Section 542 General Management Plan update** – *Daria Mazey (USACE) and Meg Modley Gilbertson (LCBP)*

- Meg commented that the 542 General Management Plan for the Lake Champlain Watershed was last updated in 2007; the Executive Committee reviewed this plan during their last meeting on November 30 and recommended this update for approval by the Steering Committee. Daria reported that Section 542 is authorized under the WRDA 2000 to allow USACE to offer assistance to LCB projects with a 65% federal cost-share on projects that reflect priorities identified with Opportunities for Action. LCBP and USACE staff have worked to update the plan over the past year, and there have not been any major revisions to the plan; most changes are to address challenges in the plan. The new GMP also has been revised to reflect new priorities identified in the 2017 *Opportunities for Action* plan. Meg then reviewed the process through which eligible projects are considered for support through the 542 program. One major change is that 100% in-kind services are now eligible as the local match for projects. Back-crediting for planning and design also is now possible. The new GMP plan also is designed to streamline some of the process in project approval to reduce the time from application to implementation. The new plan includes references to other USACE authorizations and programs that could be explored for support in the Champlain watershed. Daria added that if they can move approval of projects from USACE

Headquarters to the NYC district office, this would greatly expedite the 542 project approval process timeline for Champlain projects. Tom Berry mentioned that there is a similar authority for the Connecticut River basin that the New England district would have oversight of, and there might be a helpful connection to make between the New England and NYC district offices to help initiate this Connecticut River program. Jane asked if there were specific criteria on what critical restoration would be; Daria responded that it was intentionally left broad to allow us to consider a wider scope of projects under the OFA plan for Lake Champlain.

- One recently completed Section 542 project is the Bartlett Brook North Stormwater Treatment project. This \$2 million project took approximately 10 years from start to finish. Project participants suggested that this project was a minimum size for the 542 program.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the USACE General Management Plan for Section 542 of the Water Resources Development act by Buzz Hoerr, second by Mike Winslow. All in favor. Daria Mazey abstained.

1:15

Lake Champlain Basin Atlas – Ryan Mitchell, LCBP

- Ryan reviewed the new Lake Champlain digital atlas that he has been developing. Ryan reviewed the different elements and layers of the Atlas, and the different target user groups. Buzz asked about whether the CSA maps generated by a previous IJC study would be incorporated; Ryan agreed that this would be a good layer to add in to the atlas. Andrew asked about whether this is just an E&O tool, if this is where people would go to look at where LCBP has funded projects in the past, and if there are linkages to other atlases, such as the ANR atlas. Ryan responded that there will be links to other similar data repositories on the Resources page; he will need to think about efficient places elsewhere in the Atlas to refer people.
- Martin asked if there are Québec data available for these maps. Ryan responded that locating data for Québec has been a bit of a challenge, but he has been able to incorporate Québec data for many of the maps, but not all of them. One of the challenges with this project has been to “marry” information from all three jurisdictions into one uniform map.
- Tom Martin asked if there are links to real-time data that are being generated, such as lake level gages and beach closures. Ryan commented that this is something we would like to do for weather and monitoring data, but beach closures are more difficult because these are not consolidated or reported uniformly across the watershed. VT DOH has a near-real time HAB tracker, which covers beach closures due to HABs.
- A temporary link to the Atlas is here: <http://lcbp.org/atlasdev/>

1:45

State of the Lake 2018 – LCBP staff

- LCBP staff reviewed the general layout and draft graphics of the 2018 *State of the Lake* report. Eric introduced the concept of the new report and reminded the group that this is LCBP’s signature outreach document, and that the focus of the document is on the STATE of the lake, not necessarily management efforts or pressures. One goal of the report is to use our monitoring data to interpret trends and information to the general public at an 8th grade reading level. Many of our partners use this document for their outreach efforts, and many teachers use the document in their classrooms.
- Ryan commented that the re-organization of the report is to reflect the new layout of LCBP priorities and the design in Opportunities for Action. He also pointed out that climate

change concepts are now integrated throughout the new report rather than standalone sections.

- Martin commented that it would be nice to try to have more translation on some of the bigger concepts – perhaps not full translation, but to have highlights of each section in French. Particularly for major issues that are important to Québec.
- Matt & Ellen introduced the Clean Water section. This section will focus on what people care about in their day-to-day lives with respect to water quality and clean water. For example, people want to be able to swim and go fishing, but they don't necessarily care about phosphorus concentrations even though phosphorus concentrations may indirectly affect their use of the lake. Ellen reviewed drinking water, swimming, and cyanobacteria priorities. Ellen went through the beach closure graphic, with minor tweaks to the illustrations. Matt covered phosphorus effects and trends on the lake. Matt reviewed new illustrations for phosphorus-related graphics. Ellen reviewed contaminants highlights.
- Meg reviewed the Healthy Ecosystems session, in particular trends for sport fish and sea lamprey in Lake Champlain. Andrew asked about the focus of this section – is the primary focus of the lake itself or the basin as a whole? Primary focus is on the lake, but there are elements that are basin-wide, such as a new land use-land cover map that may be in the online version of the report.
- Ryan reviewed the Thriving Communities section of the report. One part of this section may be focused around community flood resilience, and we are still working on how to develop this as a new section. One aspect will be to focus on how actions such as community planning or flood resilience efforts are impacting the State of the lake. Another part of this section will highlight recreation access and hope to have broader content in this version of the report to try to highlight cultural stewardship efforts in the watershed. Julie Moore pointed out that Vermont is doing a lot of data and information gathering as part of Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) and suggested that LCBP reach out to Mike Snyder (VT Forest Parks and Recreation) or Wendy Knight (VT Dept of Tourism) for more information. One concept suggested for this section is to look at water-wise development from the community development perspective. Buzz added that he would like to see the Lake Champlain freeze-over graphic paired up with lake level.
- Colleen reviewed the Informed and Involved Public section of the report, which will highlight partnerships through ECHO, LCMM, Shelburne Farms, others to achieve common goals. This section also will house the information for the boat launch steward program.
- Several members of the LCBP team recently reviewed the draft graphics with 8th grade classes at Edmunds school in Burlington and received very helpful feedback. They will take revised graphs to 7th and 8th grade classes in Williston in January for another round of feedback.

2:30

FY18 Technical Budget Pre-Proposal review - Matt Vaughan, LCBP & Mike Winslow, TAC Chair

Roll call prior to entering into Executive Session: Phone: Mario Paula, MaryJo Feuerbach, Sara Hart, Sue Merrell, Pierre Leduc, Lori Fisher, Bethany Sargent, Vicky Drew, Caitlin Lecker, Kari Dolan, Emily Boedecker (for Julie Moore), Renee Rouleau, and Daria Mazey. Present in room: Tom Martin, Martin Mimeault, John Krueger, Laura Treishmann, Buzz Hoerr, Alyson Eastman, Mike Winslow

The purpose of this agenda item is to review pre-proposals submitted in response to the Request for Pre-proposals issued in September 2017, for the Fy18 LCBP technical budget. The group reviewed the pre-proposals, with feedback and recommendations from the TAC, to discuss which pre-proposals should advance to the full proposal stage. The Steering

Committee will select which full proposals will be funded during their April meeting in Burlington, VT.

Several members declared conflicts of interest with specific proposals prior to entering into Executive Session: Mike Winslow, Pierre Leduc, Andrew Milliken, Alyson Eastman. Per current LCBP Conflict of Interest guidelines for Lake Champlain Steering Committee members, these members participated in the discussion, but recused themselves from specific discussion of proposals in which they had conflicts of interest. Julie Moore and Breck Bowden recused themselves from the entire discussion, due to personal conflicts of interest. Emily Boedecker (VT DEC) participated in the discussion on behalf of Vermont ANR.

Buzz Hoerr moved to enter into Executive Session, with a second by Mike Winslow. All in favor.

Return to Open Session

ACTION ITEM:

Buzz Hoerr moved to accept the list of pre-proposals that were recommended by TAC to advance to the full proposal stage. Martin offered a second on the motion. All in favor. Lori Fisher abstained.

Emily Boedecker moved to request a full proposal for Project 35. No second. Motion failed.

Emily Boedecker moved to request a full proposal for Project 55. No second. Motion failed.

Tom Martin commented that he learned a lot today, and that it was an interesting and valuable experience for him today. He was incredibly impressed with the unbelievably important work we all are doing.

3:30 PM Motion to adjourn by Buzz Hoerr, second by Andrew Milliken. All in favor.

Meeting Outcomes:

1. Approval of May Steering Committee meeting summary
 - a. May 2017 Steering Committee minutes approval. Motion to approve by Buzz Hoerr, second by John K. Motion carried.
2. Award decision for CVNHP FY17 Heritage and Making of Nations grants.
 - a. Motion by Buzz Hoerr to accept the Record of Decision as submitted for both the Heritage grants and the Making of Nations grants. Second by Mike Winslow. All in favor.
3. Review of the new LCBP Lake Champlain digital atlas
4. Review of updated graphics and the outline for the new 2018 *State of the Lake* report
5. Lake Champlain Steering Committee approval of the WRDA Section 542 Lake Champlain Watershed General Management Plan to the US Army Corps of Engineers
 - a. Motion to approve the USACE General Management Plan for Section 542 of the Water Resources Development act by Buzz Hoerr, second by Mike Winslow. All in favor. Daria Mazey abstained.
6. Approval of list of pre-proposals to solicit full proposals for the FY18 LCBP technical budget.
 - a. Buzz Hoerr moved to accept the list of pre-proposals that were recommended by TAC to advance to the full proposal stage. Martin offered a second on the motion. All in favor. Lori Fisher abstained.