

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

October 9th, 2023

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Approved Meeting Summary Meeting recording available [here](#)

Committee Members Present: Denise Smith (Chair), Wayne Elliot, Bob Fischer, Lori Fisher, Rep. Carol Ode,

Committee Members Absent: Mark Naud, Sen. Chris Bray, Sen. Randy Brock, Eric Clifford, Karina Dailey, Rep. Kari Dolan, Hilary Solomon

LCBP Staff in Attendance: Katie Darr, Sarah Coleman (VTANR)

Presenters: Dr. Matthew Vaughan (LCBP)

Public Guests: None

Meeting summary prepared by Katie Darr, Lake Champlain Basin Program

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Denise Smith

2. **Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

3. **ACTION ITEM:** Review and vote on Draft September 11th meeting summary – Denise Smith

There was not a quorum present, this item has been moved to the next meeting's agenda.

4. **July 2023 Storm: Preliminary Analyses** – Dr. Matthew Vaughan

The committee members in attendance supported moving this presentation to the November agenda to allow for broader participation.

5. **2024 Action Plan Discussion, Work Session, & Approval** – Denise Smith

There was not a quorum present to vote on the action plan. The committee members in attendance reviewed the edits to the document, suggested some additional minor edits, and agreed to move the action plan forward for vote via email following the meeting.

Denise shared an idea to host an action plan rollout event with legislators from the Lake Champlain Basin who may not be on the committees the CAC normally presents to but to whose constituents the content of the action plan is relevant. Members were supportive of doing the rollout as part of the November 13th meeting and including the flood impacts presentation on the agenda.

- Bob suggested reaching out to Sen. Welch, Sen. Sanders, and Rep. Balint as well.
- Wayne suggested inviting some press to the event.
- Lori noted the CAC should think about how this impacts the legislative roll out of the Action Plan.

- Wayne added that in addition to engaging the legislators, part of the goal of an earlier roll out of the Action Plan is to influence the State's budget priorities that are announced in January which means getting the plan in front of Secretary Moore and the Governor earlier.
- Denise, Lori, and Carol volunteered to work on planning the in-person event for the November 13th meeting.

6. Meeting Wrap-Up Discussion – Denise Smith

The next meeting is scheduled for **November 13th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm** and will take place in person, likely in the Burlington area. This meeting will include the launch of the 2024 Action Plan and a presentation of the preliminary analyses of the July 2023 Storm by Dr. Matthew Vaughan.