

**Town of Londonderry, Vermont
Williams Dam Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2023
Twitchell Building - 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT**

Board Members Present: Robert Forbes, Jim Ameden, Rachel Febbie, Richard Phelan, Paul Hendler

Board Members Absent: None.

Others in Attendance:

Selectboard Members: Melissa Brown and Tom Cavanagh

Town Administrator: Shane O’Keefe

Conservation Commission: Helen Hamman

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda [1 VSA 312(d)(3)9A]

None.

3. Election of a Committee Chair and Clerk

Paul Hendler nominated Rich Phelan for chair. A motion was made by Paul Hendler to appoint Rich Phelan to be chair of the Williams Dam Advisory Committee, and for Rachel Febbie to be clerk, which was seconded by _____. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Introductions were made to each member serving on the board.

4. Set Regular Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that regular meeting(s) will be held every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 4:30 pm until November 30, 2023.

5. Discuss Committee goals and objectives

It was discussed that the board will work to fulfill the responsibilities set forth by the Selectboard in the “charge” of Williams Dam Advisory Committee as well as looking into the historical changes to the dam as well as flood history, look to experts to educate the committee further on all the different attributes around the Williams Dam, look for a deeper analysis of the dam through all avenues: engineers, historically, the State of Vermont Dam Safety, FEMA,

Vermont Transportation, etc. With the first course of action to set up a meeting with Ben Green from Vermont Dam Safety to discuss the classification of the Williams Dam and any other pertinent information to be offered from Dam Safety.

6. Discuss existing Evaluations/Studies of the Williams Dam

The DuBois and King Study was discussed. Majority of the members felt the D&K study conducted had limitations, for example, the amount of time spent studying the dam, as well as some critical information errors (sediment levels, firefighting pump, etc.). It was also stated that there were many “assumptions” put forth in the study. The “Pie in the Sky” was briefly brought up from the NRCS study just stating that it didn’t feel likely.

7. Discuss next steps for the Committee

It was agreed that for the next meeting the State Dam Safety Engineer would be invited to attend.

8. Adjourn

Phelan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ameden, passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

The next regular meeting of the Williams Dam Advisory is scheduled for June 5, 2023 at 4:30 p.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Febbie

Approved on June 5, 2023.

Williams Dam Advisory Committee

Richard Phelan, Chair

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