

VERMONT HOUSING & CONSERVATION BOARD

**Viability Grants Review Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

DRAFT MINUTES

May 14, 2021

Viability Grant Review Committee Members present: Diane Bothfeld (Chair), David Marvin, Colleen Goodridge, Joshua Faulkner, Sarah Isham, Marli Rupe, Stacy Cibula (on behalf of Gus Seelig), Obediah Racicot

VHCB staff present: Liz Gleason, Aaron Guman, Betsy McGavisk, Calley Hastings

At 9:01am, Diane Bothfeld opened the meeting. Brief introductions were made.

A motion to approve minutes from the February 9th, 2021 grant review committee meeting was made by Dave Marvin and seconded by Joshua Faulkner. All were in favor.

Liz Gleason introduced the grant review process and Aaron Guman described available funding at 9:07am. This review committee's role is to provide funding recommendations to the VHCB board chair, and the VHCB board chair must review and finalize funding recommendations.

Diane Bothfeld called for public comment at 9:09am. No public comment was made.

A motion to go into executive session, at 9:10am, for applications review was offered by Sarah Isham, seconded by David Marvin. All were in favor.

A motion to come out of executive session, at 10:59am, was made by Marli Rupe, seconded by Sarah Isham. All were in favor.

A motion to fund the following eleven water quality grants, at 11:01am, was made by David Marvin, seconded by Stacy Cibula, and all were in favor with David Marvin abstaining from voting on Butterworks Farm and Sweet Rowen Farmstead. Obediah Racicot participates in this committee in an advisory role rather than a voting role, and abstained from this vote.

Butterworks Farm	CNMP Implementation	\$ 40,000.00	
Bobbi & Lorri LePage	Manure Pit Expansion & Barnyard Improvements	\$ 30,657.00	
Stonebroke Farm	Leachate Collection System	\$ 40,000.00	
Sweet Rowen Farmstead	Concrete Barnyard	\$ 40,000.00	
Poultney Mettowee NRC	Manure Injector	\$ 40,000.00	Contingent on support of Senate & House Ag Com. Leadership
Newmont Farm	Sand Lane	\$ 40,000.00	
Rainville Brothers Dairy	Upgrade Manure & Feed Hauling Equipment	\$ 40,000.00	
Bartlett Family Farm	Hoop Barn & Manure Stack Pad	\$ 40,000.00	
Scotch Burn Farm	Waste Storage Facility, Pump, & Pump Station	\$ 40,000.00	
Belter Family Partnership	Manure Storage System	\$ 37,416.23	
Pothier Family Farm	CNMP Implementation	\$ 40,000.00	

At 11:03am, Liz Gleason asked for feedback on how to make this review process easier for review committee members. The review committee discussed possible improvements to the process until 11:15am.

A motion to adjourn, at 11:17am, was made by David Marvin, seconded by Joshua Faulkner, and all were in favor. Diane Bothfeld ended the meeting at 11:17am

Notes submitted by Liz Gleason