

**Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program**

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

**DRAFT MINUTES
Monday, March 16th, 2026**

Viability Water Quality Grant Review Committee Members present: Ari Rockland-Miller (facilitator and chair), Joshua Faulkner, Marli Rupe, Amy Mynter, Diana Dellinger (non-voting member), Rebecca Williams (sitting in for Gus Seelig).

VHCB Staff Present: Liz Gleason, Rebecca Williams.

At 9:33 am, Ari Rockland-Miller opened the meeting. Brief introductions were made.

At 9:40, A motion to approve minutes from the March 12th, 2025 grant review committee meeting was made by Amy Mynter and seconded by Joshua Faulkner. All were in favor. Motion passed at 9:40am. Sarah Isham abstained.

Liz Gleason provided an overview of this year's application and review process, number of applications, and available funding. Liz added supplemental background information on funding sources and grant requirements.

Ari Rockland-Miller called for public comment at 9:44am. No public comment was made.

At 9:44am, Ari made a motion to enter executive session to review applications. Marli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed at 9:45am.

Executive session began at 9:45am.

At 1:07pm, Sarah motioned to end executive session, Joshua Faulkner seconded. All were in favor.

At 1:08pm, Marli Rupe motioned to advance the slate of 16 applications, Amy Mynter seconded. All were in favor, with the committee recommended a funding total of \$814,623.00 to 21 businesses. The committee's recommendations will go to the VHCB Board Chair for final review and approval.

Motion to adjourn by Sarah, seconded by Marli Rupe all in favor, 1:10pm.

Notes submitted by Liz Gleason.