

WCC Meeting - January 21, 2026 6:00 PM

Present: Kirsten Tyler (RKT), Elias Rosenblatt (ER), Sarah Pinto (SEP)

Guests: Kyle Buck, (UVM Professor) (KB), Logan Devaney (Grant Specialist) (LD)

December minutes - RKT moved to adopt, ER second, all approved

Changes to agenda - Municipal Pilot Program Discussion

Trail Updates - Discussion tables to future meeting

Municipal Pilot Program

Kyle Buck -

What does KB need from WCC for Friday? [Friday KB class which RKT and ER will be attending]. KB had them read up on 1705 property, on WCC website. Spoke with his students on Act 121, NIFP alignment, watershed grants, social resilience, River Conservancy. This is the background information they have. He spoke to them about setting up metrics, prioritizing, looking at state data (where are gaps?). Told them whatever they do here needs to be replicable. RKT, ER attending KB's class on Friday.

RKT explained the deliverables that the students will be producing, involving mapping, disaster resiliency, proposals for 1705, including Act 181.

RKT - Caveat - all the deliverables we've discussed are not going to be able to be done (probably), so KB will discuss this with the students on Friday and what they can do. KB feels that many of the items can be knocked out this semester.

RKT - Municipal Climate Planning Guides & Pilot Program - Social Resilience Process Guide talks about Housing, Food, Community Connectedness, etc. - Municipal Plan Climate Guide - what these steps outline are what Kyle is doing (data gathering, outreach).

WCC can focus this semester on helping Kyle and his students, in addition to doing our normal workload (trail work).

Logan can take a look at what Kyle's doing, at the municipal planning guide, talk to the Lake Champlain Basin program and see if grants are available. Question for KB: is Westford a multi-year project? Many grants can be reoccurring funding. Kyle notes he is also working with Winooski, and the work in Westford could be scaled up and over for, e.g., Winooski. Logan could help with the grant writing process.

“Organizational capacity” is funding for niche stuff that doesn't necessarily fall into a traditional grant. Like an ATV....

Discussion of 1705 and the potential for building on it vis a vis river corridors and wetlands. Kyle will look into what could be built there based on these restrictions.

Personnel - SEP moved to appoint Elizabeth Ploof to fill remaining term of Chris Cunningham. ER seconded, all approved.

Newsletter - SEP + RKT will email about it.

ER moves to adjourn, RKT 2nds, all approved.