

Franklin County NRCB Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2026

In Attendance: Lauren Weston (District Manager), Vicky Drew (Chair – on Zoom), Dan Pipes (Vice Chair), Molly Magnan (Treasurer), Karyn Rocheleau (Supervisor), Lynda Ulrich (Supervisor - on Zoom)

Conducted at 431 Franklin Park West, Suite 100a, St. Albans
Minutes recorded by Lauren Weston

The written minutes are a synopsis of the discussion at the meeting. Motions are as stated. Minutes will be subject to correction by the Board. Changes, if any, will be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board.

Minutes:

3:34 pm: Meeting called to order, quorum present

3:35 pm: Agenda overview presented by Lauren Weston

3:36 pm: Lauren Weston reviews Bid Comparison Memo for the Trout River Floodplain Restoration, Montgomery, Center, VT prepared by FCNRCB staff. Proposals prepared by SLR International and Stone Environmental

- Overview of existing grant funding secured for this scope of work.
- Lauren Weston explains separation of Town-owned parcel work following modelling of stretch of river
- Vicky Drew noted higher cost of SLR for Data Collection compared to Stone
- Discussion regarding procurement and contractual best practices for reviewing proposals and contract negotiation
- Lauren Weston reviewed proposal evaluation considerations documented in the FCNRCB Procurement Policy
- Board considers benefits of selecting SLR for this project: Familiar with watershed, familiar with stakeholders, additional work of soil analysis being included in proposed scope of work
- Lauren Weston makes clear that she had previously worked for Milone & MacBroom which has since been absorbed by SLR.
- Dan Pipes makes a motion: We select SLR for the Trout River Final Design work with the understanding that FCNRCB will express concerns about data collection and permitting costs being higher than another bid. Karyn Rocheleau seconds the motion; all in favor; motion carries.

4:03pm: September Strategic Planning Meeting rescheduled for Sept 23rd (from 24th) at 3 pm.

- Dan Pipes recommends that the understanding for Board Members is that the monthly regular meeting will incur the per diem payment, but per diem payments for strategic planning/additional meetings will not be provided unless otherwise requested on an individual basis.

4:36 pm: Molly Magnan makes a motion to adjourn, Karyn Rocheleau seconds, all in favor; motion carries.