

## **Windham County NRCD Board Meeting**

**November 6, 2024**

**USDA Service Center conference room**

**Brattleboro VT**

**In Person** Travis Thomason, NRCS State Conservationist; Emma Greg, NRCS : Emma Kuester, NRCS; Meg Kluge, Linda Corse, board members; Isabel Bowman, Garrett Manchester, Cory Ross, Heather Blunk, Windham NRCD staff; Sage Ruth, VACD consultant

**Zoom:** Olivia Carlson, NRCS; Phyllicia Moore, NRCS; Pieter Van Loon, Katie Morrison, board members.

Started 6:20PM

Olivia NRCS update:

- Working on eligibility (deadline friday November 7th) December 20th is the deadline for farmers to get FSA work in. Emmas can send an example letter if wanted.
- Mae's laptop is ordered. Believes will be shipping soon.
- New PA is hired through VACD. Hemlock Brewer. November 18th start date. They will also hopefully get a laptop.
- 2022- 2024 funding numbers provided.
- STC sharing template or what will we share? INFORM AND INVEST. Talk about proposals.
- Emergency response plans will be updated to reflect each office.
- Take photos of the keypad to the server room.

Travis shared a handout titled "Vermont Locally Led Conservation Delivery" and discussed it and his thoughts/philosophy on the importance of locally led conservation and how NRCS VT can support that.

He also talked about "What you do." and "How you are getting there."

Sage Ruth of Structural Integrity consulting firm joined us for her presentation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Blunk and Linda Corse