Full Commission Meeting  
March 29, 2016  
Townshend Town Hall

**Commissioners Present:** Jodi French (Chair), George Mora, John Whitman, Guy Tanza, Jack Cunningham, Nick Bartenhagen, Maggie Bartenhagen, Roger Turner, Piet van Loon, Jenepher Burnell, Norm Wright, Rod Francis, Charlie Goodwin, Lew Sorenson, Denis Pinkernell  
**Citizen Interest Commissioners Present:** Greg Brown, Wendy Harrison  
**Guests Present:** Katie Buckley, Bill Dunkel (2016-2017 Appointed Commissioners)  
**Staff Present:** Chris Campany, Kim Smith, Ashley Collins  
**Introductions:** There was a not a quorum with only 11 towns present.  
**Convened:** 6:00PM

**Administrative Items & Reports:**  
**Secretary's Report:** On a motion by N. Wright, seconded by J. Cunningham the minutes from the August meeting were approved; subject to ratification.  
**Financial Report:** On a motion by N. Wright, seconded by J. Cunningham the minutes from the August meeting were approved; subject to ratification.

**Implementing the State's Clean Water Law:** WRC Planner Kim Smith presented an overview of the state’s Water Quality Act, its purpose, and what it means for the towns and residents of the Windham Region. Executive Director Chris Campany made a presentation about how, when it comes to town transportation infrastructure, resilience and water and habitat quality are two sides of the same coin.

**April Hensel Resolution:** Project Review Committee (PRC) Chair, Jack Cunningham, gave an overview of a resolution that was drafted to honor April Hensel’s years of service with the District 2 Environmental Commission, and active engagement in WRC processes related to Act 250. A motion was made and seconded to pass the resolution as presented; motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
**Readsboro Town Plan Review Panel:** Planning Coordination Committee (PCC) Chair, Piet van Loon, discussed the panel’s role in a town plan review and the difficulties the committee has been facing trying to solicit volunteers for these panels. Readsboro recently submitted their town plan for review and Piet is seeking volunteers to serve on this panel.

**Committee Chair Comments:**
PRC Committee Chair, Jack Cunningham mentioned that the 2nd public hearing for the Hermitage master plans will be next week.

WRC Chair Jodi French explained that the Executive Board recently approved the Halifax Town Plan and its Planning Process at the March meeting; it was time sensitive and was not able to wait for the Full Commission meeting.

**Executive Director's Report:**
Executive Director Chris Campany outlined the “Director’s Summary,” which was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting to summarize his activities since the last meeting. Chris also mentioned that the TransCanada facilities are for sale and the State of Vermont is considering making a purchase. He explained that this could have significant impacts on towns and that the Commission should work to ensure that town voices are heard on issues including grand list value and revenue.

Chris mentioned the S230 Siting Bill, which started with the Governor’s siting commission report and the legislature’s solar siting commission report. While Regional Planning Commission’s (RPC) would be able to develop energy plans that could be certified by the public service department, which would then provide the basis for regional certification of town energy plan elements, which would then in turn supposedly improve regional and town plan standing in Public Service Board processes, the bill created numerous uncertainties and concerns.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Collins