Full Commission Meeting
August 25, 2015
Marlboro College Graduate Center
Brattleboro, VT

Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Lew Sorenson, Roger Turner, Liisa Kissell, Eric Stevens, Bill Murray, Barbara Ferguson, Kate Buttolph, Alice Maes, John Whitman, Priscilla Margola, Alan LaCombe, James Olivier, Munson Hicks, Jack Cunningham, Norman Wright, Jenepher Burnell, Tom Consolino, Robin Howe, Carolyn Partridge, Andy Gluss
Citizen Interest Commissioners Present: Bob Anderson, Laura Sibilia, Prudence MacKinney, Greg Brown, David Deen, Lynn Barrett
Staff Present: Chris Campany, Ashley Collins
Introductions: There was a quorum of 17 towns present.
Convened: 7:05PM

Votes Subject to Ratification:
Secretary’s Report: March 31, 2015 and April 28, 2015, a motion was made by R. Howe, seconded by J. Cunningham; ratification was approved.
Treasurer’s Report: March, April, May, and June 2015, a motion was made by N. Wright, seconded by T. Consolino; ratification was approved.

Administrative Items & Reports:
Secretary’s Report: On a motion by T. Consolino, seconded by R. Howe, the minutes from the May meeting were approved.
Financial Report: On a motion by L. Sorenson, seconded by C. Partridge, the July Finance report was approved.

FY2016 Work Program & Budget: Executive Director Chris Campany provided the Commissioners with a handout of the current timesheet that WRC operates under, how that relates to the WRC’s revenue stream and sources of funding and how staff time is billed, and explained that RPC’s were level funded by the state. Chris outlined the revenues that WRC will expect to see for FY2016 including and the need to focus work on those efforts for which we have funding. He explained that he has already discussed this with committee chairs at the last Executive Board meeting, as well as with staff. Chris also mentioned that there is funding currently being withheld from WRC due to Town Plan reviews not being done within time frame established by statute, and that this was a
condition of RPC contracts with ACCD. C. Partridge moved to approve the FY2016 Work Program & Budget, seconded by T. Consolino, motion was approved.

**Elections for FY 2016 Nominating Committee:** Carolyn Partridge was present to announce the nominations slate for Executive Board, Officers and Citizen Interest Commissioners. Additional nominations were invited from the floor and there were none.

**Officers:** On a motion by N. Wright, seconded by E. Stevens the slate of officers was approved with no changes.
Chair: Jodi French, Newfane
Vice Chair: Piet van Loon, Newfane
Secretary: Tom Consolino, Wilmington
Treasurer: Norm Wright, Westminster
Council of Regional Commissions: Carolyn Partridge, Windham

**Executive Board:** One member has resigned their position on the Board; Charlie Goodwin. This left one position available. The slate presented was the current Executive Board with one remaining vacancy. On a motion by D. Deen, seconded by N. Wright, the slate for the balance of the executive board was approved.

**Members:**
Maggie Bartenhagen, Halifax
Heath Boyer, Windham
Jack Cunningham, Wardsboro
Denis Pinkernell, Londonderry
Lew Sorenson, Dummerston
Alan LaCombe, Rockingham

**Citizen Interest Commissioners:** One member has resigned their positions as Citizen Interest Commissioner; Gretchen Havreluk. This leaves two open slots available for Business & Industry and Young Professional; these positions will remain vacant at this time. C Partridge also mentioned that she discussed with Executive Director Chris Campany the possibility of changing the Business & Industry title, and will bring this to the Executive Board for further discussion. On a motion made by N. Wright, seconded by A. LaCombe for the proposed slate of Citizen Interest Commissioners; motion was approved.

Agriculture: Lynette Hamilton
Arts & Culture: Robert McBride
Conservation: Bob Anderson
Economic Development: Laura Sibilia
Healthy Communities: Prudence MacKinney
Housing: Greg Brown
Natural Resources: David Deen
Tourism: Lynn Barrett

A motion that nominations be closed was moved and seconded; motion was approved.
There was appreciation given to the resigning members of the Executive Board and Citizen Interest Commissioners, and many thanks to the Officers, Board, and Citizen Interest Commissioners who continue to serve.

**Guilford Town Plan** The WRC received a request from the Town of Guilford to review its plan for approval. The panel reviewed the town plan and reported their findings back to the Planning Coordination Committee (PCC). The PCC recommended approval of the plan, and confirmation of the town plan and process. J. French made a motion to approve the plan as presented, and was seconded by T. Consolino; motion was approved. On the confirmation of the town plan and process J. French made a motion, seconded by C. Partridge; motion was approved.

**Executive Director’s Report:**
- Chris Campany took the Commissioners on a virtual tour of WRC’s website, highlighting the different work programs, explaining where to find newsletters and other publications, upcoming meetings and where cancelations would be posted, and reviewing Committee pages.
- Chris informed the Commissioners that the prefiled testimony he submitted to the Public Service Board in Docket 8300, which concerns the construction of a second spent fuel storage facility at Vermont Yankee, reiterated the points made in an August, 2014 comment letter.

N. Wright moved adjournment.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Collins