Full Commission Meeting  
September 26, 2017  
Newbrook Fire Station

Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Piet van Loon, Gabrielle Ciuffreda, Stephan Chait, Timothy Arsenault, Rod Francis, Eric Stevens, Denis Pinkernell, Kevin Stine, Bill Dunkel, Jack Cunningham, Liisa Kissel, Carolyn Partridge, Sue Hammond, Lew Sorenson, Tom Consolino, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Norm Wright via telephone  
Citizen Interest Commissioners Present: Greg Brown, Wendy Harrison, David Deen  
Guests Present:  
Staff Present: Chris Campany  
Introductions: There was not a quorum at the start of the meeting. A quorum of 13 towns were present via telephone by the end of the meeting.  
Convened: 6:08PM

Administrative Items & Reports:  
Secretary’s Report: On a motion by C. Partridge, seconded by L. Kissel the minutes from the July meeting were approved with two abstentions, subject to ratification.  
Financial Report: On a motion by T. Arsenault, seconded by C. Partridge the finance report was unanimously approved, subject to ratification.

Approval of the FY 2018 Work Program and Budget: Executive Director, Chris Campany reviewed the fiscal year 2018 Work Program and Budget. He noted that the work program was very similar to that of 2017, and that the primary budget change was to the personnel line which reflects an increase in base salaries, an increase in health insurance premiums, and an increase in utilization of health care benefits by staff and their families. Bill asked about the change in projected versus actual expenditures in the FY 2017 Consultant Services line. Chris explained it related to the use of the WRC brownfields program. There was discussion as to what the implications were of not having a quorum present. Chris explained that the Commission would not be authorized to function beyond October 1, 2017. As a quorum was not present Chris proceeded to call Commissioners to complete the quorum by phone. Commissioner Norm Wright was reached. On a motion by Jack, seconded by Carolyn, the 2018 Work Program and Budget passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
Elections for FY2018 Nominating Committee:

Officers: Nominating Committee Chair Carolyn Partridge nominated a slate of officers for FY 2018. Before announcing the nominees, she asked if there were any nominations from the floor. The nominees were Jodi French for Chair, Piet van Loon for Vice Chair, Norm Wright for Treasurer, Tom Consolino for Secretary, and Carolyn Partridge for Representative to the Council of Regional Commissions. David moved to close the nominations and vote on the slate. Tim seconded the motion. The slate was approved by a unanimous vote.

Executive Board Members: Carolyn nominated a slate of commissioners to serve on the Executive Board. Before announcing the nominees, she asked if there were any nominations from the floor. The nominees were Jack Cunningham, Greg Brown, Alan LaCombe, Lew Sorenson, and Gabby Ciuffreda. Tim moved that a vote be cast for the slate. Denis seconded the motion. The slate was approved by a unanimous vote.

Citizen Interest Commissioners: Carolyn nominated a slate of Citizen Interest Commissioners. Before announcing the nominees, she asked if there were any nominations from the floor. She noted that all Citizen Interest Commissioners who served in 2017 agreed to continue serving for 2018, and nominated them as a slate. On a motion by David that a vote be cast for the slate, seconded by Tim, the slate was approved by a unanimous vote.

Solicitation of potential Full Commission discussions and/or activities for FY 2018: Chair Jodi French solicited from the Commissioners Full Commission topics or activities they were interested in for the coming year. The following were suggested:

- Solicitation of volunteers to become Commissioners.
- Aesthetics and viewsheds in the Vermont regulatory context and the relevance of the billboard law. Commissioner Elizabeth McLaughlin offered to share the U.S. Forest Service guidance.
- Request that the owner of ArcLight, the new owner of the hydropower facilities on the Deerfield and Connecticut Rivers in the region, meet with the Commission.
- Request that the CEO of NorthStar, the company that has petitioned for transfer of ownership of Entergy Vermont Yankee, meet with the Commission.
- Have a discussion about social issues facing the region.
- Understand Federal policy as it relates to federal disaster response and recovery.
- Review what changes have been made to disaster response and recovery in the wake of Irene, as informed by after action reviews conducted at the time.
- Discuss river corridor policy and regulation.

On a motion by Carolyn, seconded by L. Kissel, the minutes and financial report were ratified.

On a motion by D. Pinkernell the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Collins