Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Stephan Chait, Jack Cunningham, Gabrielle Ciuffreda, Jenepher Burnell, John Whitman, Edie Mas, Tom Consolino, Piet van Loon, Charlie Goodwin, Everett Wilson, Lew Sorenson,
Citizen Interest Commissioners Present: Greg Brown, Wendy Harrison
Staff Present: Chris Campany, John Bennett, Susan McMahon, Marion Major, Emily Davis, Jeff Nugent, Billy Ernest
Guests Present: Katie Buckley – Vermont Commissioner of Housing and Community Development,
Introductions: There was a not a quorum with only 10 towns present.
Convened: 6:35PM

Administrative Items & Reports:
Secretary’s Report: On a motion by J. Cunningham, seconded by T. Consolino the minutes from the September meeting were approved, subject to ratification.
Financial Report: On a motion by J. Whitman, seconded by L. Sorenson, the finance report was approved, subject to ratification.

Chair Jodi French read into the record a letter from the Commission and Executive Board commending Associate Director, Susan McMahon, for 25 years of outstanding service.

Vermont Commissioner of Housing and Community Development: Executive Director Chris Campany introduced guest speaker, Katie Buckley. Katie is a former WRC Commissioner for Guilford, and is now the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development. She shared her background and her experience with the WRC prior to her appointment to office by Governor Phil Scott. She made extensive use of WRC services as Guilford Town Administrator and through her involvement with the Friends of Algiers Village. She was asked to serve by Governor Scott because of her experience at the local level. She noted the importance of regional commissions in their support of multiple town
functions, and stated that they are the “glue that hold everything together.” She feels they are key partners with her agency, and recognizes that each RPC is necessarily different, which is their strength.

**Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:**

- For his Executive Director’s report, Chris called upon staff to discuss projects of note on which they are working. This included a well-attended road foreman meeting, road erosion inventories, habitat connectivity in the Green Mountains, and the restoration of Adams Brook in Newfane. Chris also had EnviroCorps member, Billy Ernest, introduce himself. He will be with the WRC until August, 2018.
- Chris explained that the need for an additional Full Commission meeting in 2017 was uncertain, and would largely depend on the nature of comments on the draft regional energy plan from the Public Service Department.

**On a motion by C. Goodwin, seconded by J. Cunningham, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Collins