Joint Meeting of Project Review, Natural Resources & Energy Committees
May 6, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendance
Commissioners: Jack Cunningham, Chair; Heath Boyer, Chair; Maggie Bartenhagen, Chair; Eric Stevens, John Whitman, Denis Pinkernell, and Nick Bartenhagen
Non-Commissioner Committee Members: Clay Turnbull and Hervey Scudder
Guests: Tad Montgomery, Paul Cameron, and Bruce Whitney
Staff: Chris Campany

Jack Cunningham led the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Minutes
The minutes of the April 1, 2014 Project Review Committee were approved on a motion by Tom Buchanan, and a second by Heath Boyer. Natural Resources and Energy Committee minutes were not voted upon.

Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF) Discussion
- Chris Campany distributed a one-page summary of the CEDF which included the Fund’s purpose, mechanisms, project size, eligible technologies, applicable sectors, and additional references. He explained how approximately $2.6 million in funds were slated for investment in Windham County, and also explained that in the negotiations between the state and Entergy that it was the County, and not the Region, that was to be the recipient of the funding.
- There was considerable discussion about the possible range of projects, including assisting businesses that are energy dependent, the multiple benefits to towns and taxpayers of municipal projects, homeowner incentives, leveraging existing programs, projects at Windham Solid Waste Management District as well as closed municipal landfills, anaerobic digesters, and biomass potential.
- Given the range of possible projects and the desire to make the most effective use of the funds for the greatest impact in Windham County, it was suggested by Tom Buchanan that the WRC’s message to the CEDF Board should be that they slow down and have the Public Service Department work with the WRC to develop an investment plan that made the most sense in a Windham County context. There was strong support for this position by those in attendance. It was agreed that Chris Campany would prepare and present testimony at the May 14th hearing to this effect.
**Project Review Business**

- The change in comment period on net metering systems brought about by PSB Rule 5.100 was briefly discussed. It was suggested that the WRC send a letter to the Public Service Department explaining that we did not receive notice about the proposed rule change before it took effect.
- There was brief discussion about the possible impacts of a proposed gravel pit in Jamaica on water quality and bear habitat, as well as the fact that the operation was in violation of existing permits. It was agreed that a letter should be prepared supporting the position of the Agency of Natural Resources in these matters.
- Committee participation was discussed. It was suggested that those who could not participate in person consider participating via phone or teleconference (i.e., Skype).

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Campany