Windham Regional Commission Natural Resources Committee Minutes
April 23, 2020

**NRC Members Present:** Lise Fortin (Chair), Lynette Hamilton, Mike Tuller, Linda Hecker, Kevin Stine, David Deen, Bill Dunkle, Susan Hammond, Jim Pinkerton, Andy Toepfer

**CWAC Committee Members Present:** None

**Absent:** Bob Anderson, Kathy Urffer, Everett Wilson

**Staff present:** Margo Ghia

**Public:** None

**Presenter:** None

1. **Call to Order**
   - Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.
     - Approval of the February minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

2. **Introductions & Welcome**

3. **Additions or Changes to the Agenda**
   - None

4. **Meeting Schedule**
   - Currently the committee is scheduled to meet every month and then meetings are canceled if there is not a need to meet. The committee discussed the possibility of an alternative schedule.
     - A proposal was made by Linda to meet bimonthly and then if a topic is pressing to add a meeting in between as necessary. Bill commented that this might tie us down too much and we might need more flexibility.
     - Jim proposed that we keep the monthly meeting schedule and cancel if there is no need to meet. Under this system, everyone has the date in their calendar and saves the meeting time. Linda thought this would work and that to address the idea that it is hard to recruit new commissioners because of the meeting schedule of once a month, when recruiting a true picture of how often a committee meets could be shared.
The committee will keep to the monthly meeting schedule. Lise will go back to the Executive Board to suggest using the generated meeting data from last year to help when recruiting new members.

5. Updating the Windham Regional Plan: Natural Resources Summary & Policies
   • Lise reviewed the overview of this plan update
     o Minor update
     o Look for blatant information that is wrong, needs updating, or needs to be added because laws have changed.
   • Lise reviewed the process for the committee’s updates:
     o Quickly review 2018 document from Emily put together from committee comments in reviewing the plan.
     o Review Natural Resources Summary & Policies (pages 25 – 31) together.
     o Working from 2018 notes and committee review, Margo will draft an update for the committee to review.
   • Committee reviewed Natural Resources Summary & Policies (pages 25-31).
   • Next Meeting: Review updated Natural Resources Summary & Policies. The committee will also have to address Land Use Summary & Policies and while we don’t own it, we will want to look at Energy.

6. Upcoming Events
   • None at this time.

7. Public Comment

8. Next Meeting
   May Meeting – May 28 at 5pm

11. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Linda Hecker and seconded by Jim Pinkerton. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm.