Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Maggie Bartenhagen, Jack Cunningham, Alan LaCombe, Piet van Loon
Excused: Heath Boyer, Tom Consolino, Charlie Goodwin, Carolyn Partridge, Denis Pinkernell, Lew Sorenson, Norm Wright,
Staff Present: Chris Campany, Ashley Collins
Convened: 7:02PM

Note: There was not a quorum with only 5 Board members present. All actions are subject to ratification at the next Executive Board meeting.

Administrative Reports:
Secretary’s Report: On a motion by P. van Loon, seconded by J. Cunningham the minutes from the January meeting were approved; subject to ratification.
Treasurer’s Report: On a motion by J. Cunningham, seconded by M. Bartenhagen the Treasurer’s Report was approved; subject to ratification.

February Commission Comments: Executive Director Chris Campany provided the Board with initial comments and feedback provided during the February Commission meeting’s facilitated discussion on the Commission structure, Commissioner roles in decision making, facilitating Commissioner participation and making that participation more meaningful for Commissioners. There was discussion among the Board but no action was taken; the facilitated discussion will continue at the next Executive Board meeting with a more defined list of topics for Commissioners to provide feedback on.

Brownfields Cleanup Grant Approval: Chris explained that the Brattleboro Area Farmers Market (BAFM) has put in a Revolving Loan Fund grant application for $10,000 for cleanup work surrounding the site. P. van Loon moved that the Board endorse the RLF grant to the BAFM, the motion was seconded by J. Cunningham, motion was approved; subject to ratification.

Nye County Request: The Nye County Board of County Commissioners in Nevada is requesting an endorsement from WRC for the Yucca Mountain License Application. They are asking for awareness, support, and a possible referral from WRC that the site study be completed. On a motion by J. Cunningham, seconded by P. van Loon, the endorsement request for Chris to draft a letter to the Nye County Board of Commissioners was approved; subject to ratification.

Legislative Update: Chris gave an outline of a bill that would allow RPC’s and Town’s to form a Council of Governments, which would allow for a more formal arrangement among towns to
collaborate through a regional commission on shared administrative and other tasks. The bill was ostensibly introduced as a place holder for a more robust statewide conversation. WRC has not been asked to endorse the bill yet. The general consensus from the Board was to continue to be a part of the conversation. The Board was also reminded that the WRC had organized a Municipal Shared Services meeting for towns on March 19th.

**Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:**
- Chris distributed a handout from Representative Ann Manwaring showing budget cuts proposed by the joint fiscal office.
- WRC is working with Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation on the development of proposed changes in the Windham County Economic Development Program and how it’s implemented. We would like greater regional input in the program operations, capacity to better implement the program, and more flexibility to better respond to rapidly evolving issues and opportunities.
- Chris mentioned that the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel is making progress now that it is being led by citizen members. Chris presented the Board with WRC comments on Entergy’s Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report and mentioned that the deadline for comments on the decommissioning strategy is approaching.

**Committee Reports:**
- **50th Anniversary Committee:** Chris provided a brief overview of the schedule of guest speakers, events, and Full Commission agenda items for the Full Commission meetings over the next several months, and when the anniversary celebrations would be happening.
- **Energy:** Chris provided a brief update on the local consortium Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF) application.
- **Natural Resources:** The most recent meeting the Committee discussed how to mitigate potential damage caused by beavers in Windham County.
- **Planning Coordination:** Two town plans are in the process for review and approval by the Commission at the March meeting.
- **Project Review:** The Board discussed the recent Hermitage lawsuit with the State of Vermont. The Board was in agreement that there would be no comment made by WRC on the current events.
- **Public Policy & Legislative:** Chris provided highlights from Senator Rebecca Balint’s discussion with the Committee.
- **Transportation:** The presentation on the state design standards for the highway trees was moved to the next meeting; the committee focused on the prioritization of bridge and capitalization projects at the most recent meeting.
Brownfields: No Meeting / Nothing to Report
Community Development:
Emergency Planning:
Finance: No Meeting / Nothing to Report
LEPC:
Nominating:
Regional Plan Update:

P. van Loon moved to accept the reports, seconded by J. Cunningham, motion was approved; subject to ratification.

P. van Loon moved adjournment.
Meeting Adjourned: 9:18PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Collins