Executive Board  
December 13, 2016  
WRC Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Jodi French, Chair; Jack Cunningham, Lew Sorenson, Piet van Loon, Alan LaCombe  
Absent: Norm Wright, Tom Consolino, Carolyn Partridge, Denis Pinkernell, Greg Brown  
Guests: David Deen, Wendy Harrison  
Staff Present: Chris Campany  
Convened: 7:00PM

Administrative Reports:  
Secretary’s Report: Minutes were reviewed but not approved due to absence of a quorum.  
Treasurer’s Report: Report was reviewed but not approved due to absence of a quorum.  

Program:  
WRC staffing update: Executive Director, Chris Campany explained that the WRC was now fully staffed with the hiring of a transportation planner. He described the staff team approach he is using for work on energy, natural resources (water quality), and transportation in order to make more effective use of staff abilities and to distribute responsibilities. This should also improve WRC staffing resilience in the face of planned and unplanned staff vacancies.  

WRC Role in FERC relicensing process of dams on the Connecticut River: Citizen Interest Commissioners David Deen (Natural Resources) and Wendy Harrison (Community Development) were in attendance to discuss how the WRC might best participate in the relicensing process. Commissioner Deen described the extensive and highly-regimented process. He also described engagement strategies that have been discussed by the Connecticut River Watershed Council and others. The approach that seems to make the most sense is to develop “sign-on” comments by regional planning commissions as a group, and, as appropriate, towns, NGOs and other entities and organizations. The idea is that unified comments will carry more weight with TransCanada and FERC where there is agreement. This strategy would not preclude separate individual comments. Chris drafted a sign on letter for regional planning commissions that focuses on recreation.  

WRC in matters related to Vermont Yankee’s sale to NorthStar: Chris explained that it was unclear under which statute the sale and site restoration standards would be brought before the Public Service Board, but that the WRC has defined positions on how the VY site should be reused. This informs restoration standards. The existence of the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel presents a new dynamic and a means by which public input can be solicited.  

Regional and town energy planning update: Chris provided an overview of where these projects now stand, including the development of data and maps to support both regional and town energy
planning as well as the solicitation of letters of interest from towns interested in being among three towns to pilot town energy planning within the region.

**Executive Director's Report:** Chris explained that the prior items covered what he would otherwise report.

**Committee Reports:**
- Planning Coordination:
- Brownfields:
- Community Development:
- Emergency Planning:
- Energy:
- Finance:
- LEPC:
- Nominating:
- Project Review:
- Public Policy & Legislative:

**Transportation:** Lew provided a recap of the October Transportation Committee meeting.

A quorum was not present to accept the reports.

**Other Business:** Chair Jodi French asked the Executive Board to consider whether or not an earlier start time would be desirable. This will be discussed in detail at the January meeting.

P. van Loon moved adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Campany