Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Maggie Bartenhagen, Tom Buchanan, Tom Consolino, Jack Cunningham, Corky Elwell, Lew Sorenson, Piet van Loon, Norm Wright,
Excused: Heath Boyer, Carolyn Partridge, Denis Pinkernell
Staff Present: Chris Campany, Ashley Collins
Convened: 7:00pm

Administrative Reports:
Secretary’s Report: On a motion by Tom B., seconded by Jack the minutes from the September meeting were approved.
Treasurer’s Report: On a motion by Tom C., seconded by Piet, the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Vermont Yankee Closure Update: Tom B., mentioned that WRC has more time to submit the reply brief because of an extension, now due on October 25th. Tom explained the process that WRC is now involved in with the Public Service Board (PSB) concerning decommissioning and the new reply brief. Tom B. asked for feedback on the draft reply brief that will be submitted for the October 25th deadline, and moved that Executive Director Chris Campany use his discretion to send the brief when it is in a final format. The motion was moved by Norm, seconded by Jack; motion was approved. On a second motion, Tom is seeking an affirmative vote to give Executive Director Chris Campany authorization to share all or parts of the reply brief with the Public Service Department (PSD). The motion was moved by Lew, seconded by Maggie; motion was approved. Lastly, Tom B. asked for a motion to approve giving Executive Director Chris Campany the discretion to assist and review in negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding if asked by the PSD. The motion was moved by Norm, seconded by Maggie; motion was approved. Chris Campany participated in a forum about “What is Next for Vermont Yankee” hosted by The Commons News. Chris mentioned that he also met with Windham County legislators at a meeting organized by the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC).

Public Policy & Legislative Purpose and Objectives Statement: Executive Director, Chris Campany distributed the draft PPLC Purpose and Objectives Statement for the Board to review and approve. The Board had a brief discussion on the Committee moving forward, provided positive feedback and suggestions about ways to be more proactive before, during, and after the Legislative sessions, some of which were included in the draft Purpose and Objectives Statement. On a motion by Lew, seconded by Norm, the PPLC Purpose and Objectives Statement was approved.

Federal Government Shutdown: Executive Director Chris Campany discussed the Federal Government Shutdown and the possible implications to WRC. The primary impact would be on
WRC’s cash flow if the shutdown extends for a month or more. Current invoices aren’t being processed and new invoices cannot be submitted.

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

1. **Connecticut River Transit (CRT) has asked that WRC serve on their Board, and Executive Director, Chris Campany is seeking the Board’s approval on this. On a motion by Norm, seconded by Jack; motion was approved that WRC will accept a seat on the CRT Board, and allow the person representing WRC at the CRT meetings to be the Executive Directors designee.**

2. **The Planning Coordination Committee will be reviewing the Grafton and Windham Town Plans and having discussions surrounding wind issues within the plans.**

3. **The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) will be having conversation around Act 250, and more specifically agricultural policies, farm stands, turning food carts into restaurants, retail stores, etc. Questions are being raised about when Act 250 is prompted. The ACCD must have a report out by December, but the discussion on this was just initialized recently.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Brownfields:** Norm gave a brief update on grants, current projects, and mentioned that the Committee has started to work with Brattleboro Housing Authority to replace Melrose Terrace at the site behind Walgreens.

**LEPC:** The Committee did not have a formal business meeting. It instead attended a presentation by Mary Mendel regarding the VoAD and discussing the national VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) and how it integrates with State organizations.

**Natural Resources:** Committee minutes were distributed for review. Maggie added that the Source to Sea Clean-Up day was a successful event. Chris thanked Maggie for her participation, and recognized the participation of Commissioner Steve Skibniowsky as well.

**Planning Coordination:** The Committee is discussing the best and most effective time to establish a review panel to review town plans; and what changes might be made to the review and approval process to ensure greater consistency.

**Project Review:** The Committee met on October 1st where they started reviewing policies for the regional plan update.

**Regional Plan Update:** The Committee minutes were distributed for review. The Committee is planning to schedule three or four public meetings around the region in November and December, and will be focusing on specific topics at each meeting.

**Transportation:** The Committee has reviewed applications for grants for sidewalk projects, as well as projects in Wilmington, Readsboro, and Putney. The Committee will also begin work on reviewing the land use element of the Regional Plan.
Community Development: 
Emergency Planning:  
Energy: 
Finance:  
Nominating: 
Public Policy & Legislative: 
VY Study:

No Meeting/Nothing to Report

Norm moved to accept the Committee reports, seconded by Piet, Committee reports were accepted. Piet moved adjournment. Meeting Adjourned: 8:59PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ashley Collins