Executive Board  
November 12, 2013  
WRC Conference Room

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

Administrative Reports:
Secretary’s Report: On a motion by J. Cunningham, seconded by D. Pinkernell, the minutes from the October meeting were approved.
Treasurer’s Report: On a motion by J. Cunningham, seconded by T. Buchanan the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Regional Plan Update (RPU) Process: Executive Director, Chris Campany presented the Board with the draft RPU Process Strategy, WRC’s response to the Regional Plan Assessment. The draft details WRC’s strategy on how to address the plans insufficiencies and is a requirement of the WRC’s contract with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. On a motion by H. Boyer, seconded by M. Bartenhagen, the RPU Process Strategy was approved.

Commissioner Representative for VAPDA: The general consensus was to table this discussion for a future meeting due to Commissioners’ absences at the present Board meeting.

Winter Commission Meetings: Executive Director, Chris Campany proposed several topics to be covered at the winter Commission meetings, and asked for input from the Board on other possible topics or guest speakers. Other topics of interest include: Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation’s projects around the region, the importance of planning and zoning in communities, and issues regarding energy. The Board showed interest in having Governor Shumlin and the Secretary of VTrans serve as guest speakers.

Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:
1. Executive Director, Chris Campany explained that different agencies and groups are having more collaborative discussions regarding the closure of Vermont Yankee; including how to deal with the non-radiological elements of the closure.
2. Chris summarized the meeting of business owners in the West River Valley meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether an ongoing effort to convene businesses in the West River Valley/Routes 30-100 corridor would be worthwhile, and what the primary interests and concerns of the participants were. The primary issues were promotion of the corridor, transportation (especially the absence of public transit), village infrastructure (or the
absence thereof), and cell service. The meeting was well-attended and participants agreed the effort should continue.

**Committee Reports:**

**Regional Plan Update:** The recent public forum had low attendance, but the quality of the discussion was quite good.

**VY Study:** On October 28th Executive Director, Chris Campany, testified before a the joint meeting of the House Commerce and Natural Resource Committees in Vernon about WRC’s funding needs for continued work surrounded the VY Closure. The Board approved a reply brief at the October 12th meeting which was filed on October 26th. VY has asked for an extension, to which WRC is opposed. T. Buchanan explained that the PSB approved the extension and the brief is now due on November 22nd. There was discussion on the draft reply brief, and T. Buchanan moved that Chris be granted authority to send the revised brief at his discretion, the motion was seconded by J. Cunningham, motion was approved. He also mentioned that the leak investigation, Docket 7600, is not concluded. T. Buchanan will be speaking to “Safe and Green” group about VY and Decommissioning.

**Brownfields:**

**Community Development:**

**Emergency Planning:**

**Energy:**

**Finance:**

**LEPC:**

**Natural Resources:**

**Nominating:**

**Planning Coordination:**

**Project Review:**

**Public Policy & Legislative:**

**Transportation:**

No Meeting / Nothing to Report

T. Buchanan moved to accept the Committee Reports, seconded by Maggie; Committee Reports accepted.

**New Business:**

- There will be no Executive Board meeting in December.
- H. Boyer informed the Board of informational meetings on industrial wind, which will be taking place on November 22nd in Townshend hosted by Senator Peter Galbraith.

J. Cunningham moved adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Collins