Executive Board  
June 10, 2014  
WRC Conference Room

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

Administrative Reports:
Secretary’s Report: On a motion by N. Wright seconded by D. Pinkernell, the minutes from the May meeting were approved.
Treasurer’s Report: On a motion by H. Boyer, seconded by L. Sorenson, the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Fiscal Year 2015 Work Program and Budget: Executive Director Chris Campany and Finance Manager Mike Shaughnessy presented the draft FY2015 Budget. They summarized new projects and discussed grants and other revenue that are anticipated. The Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve the FY2015 Draft Budget as presented; the motion was moved by T. Buchanan, seconded by H. Boyer, motion was approved.

Regional Plan Update: The RPU Committee recommends that the Board approve the final draft of the regional plan for release to the public for the 3rd round of Public Hearings. On a motion by N. Wright, seconded by C. Partridge, the motion was approved.

Evolving Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel: Executive Director Chris Campany explained that six citizen members will be appointed by the Governor. The WRC will also be given a position on the new panel. Chris suggested the WRC endorse Jim Matteau’s appointment as a citizen member. On a motion by C. Partridge seconded by M. Bartenhagen, the motion to appoint Executive Director Chris Campany, as a WRC representative to the VSNAP Committee was approved. On a motion by N. Wright, seconded by C. Partridge, a resolution in support of Jim Matteau’s appointment to the VSNAP Committee as a citizen was approved.

Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:
1. Executive Director Chris Campany mentioned that WRC’s new Planner Alyssa Sabetto is settling in and getting started on Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP’s) and catching up on town hazard mitigation plans. WRC’s Summer Intern Emily Wilson is continuing to work on town profiles.
2. The Clean Energy Development Fund’s (CEDF) $2.6 Million is being made available for use within Windham County. They did not incorporate WRC’s suggestions but would like active
participation by the WRC and will involve WRC once the funds start to get distributed. Hervey Scudder and Steve Skibniowsky have asked WRC to pull together a regional meeting on biomass at the Vermont Yankee Site. Chris suggested that a public meeting with Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials about how the site might be reused would be helpful before a meeting is held about the potential for biomass energy generation on the site.

3. There will be no Executive Board or Full Commission meeting in July. The August Full Commission meeting will include the annual business meeting and actions, and possibly a presentation from an Entergy representative regarding decommissioning.

Committee Reports:
Brownfields: N. Wright gave a brief update on current projects including the Farmer’s Market project, and explained that it is currently on hold due to additional tanks that were found at the site.

Energy: The Committee was approached by the Energy Action Network (EAN), a non-governmental organization that is committed to the promotion of the comprehensive energy plan. The Committee also discussed the power line project from Hydro Quebec throughout New England, and the possibility of it passing through Vermont but not producing any energy throughout the State.

LEPC: The Committee discussed what the regional response would be to a possible failure of the Ball Mountain Dam.

Nominating: C. Partridge reminded the Board members that she will be asking Commissioners for their interest in renewing their spot on the Executive Board.

Project Review: The Committee is prepared to send a memorandum regarding spent fuel storage at Vermont Yankee (VY) in response to Entergy’s application to build a second spent fuel storage pad. The PRC will engage by presenting a letter and then wait for action from the Public Service Board. T. Buchanan moved that the letter be sent at the discretion of Executive Director Chris Campany, the motion was seconded by H. Boyer; motion was approved.

Transportation: The Committee continues to fill the table with interested parties from around the region. WRC Planner Matt Mann participated in a training session about river behavior, bridges and culverts. The Committee discussed how often it would like updates on the progress of the approved Transportation Plan.

VY Study: T. Buchanan moved to disband the VY Study Committee, seconded by C. Partridge. The motion was approved with much appreciation for the Committee members.

Community Development:  
Emergency Planning:  
Finance:  
Natural Resources:  
Planning Coordination:  
Public Policy & Legislative:  
Regional Plan Update:  
50th Anniversary Committee:  

} No Meeting / Nothing to Report
N. Wright moved to accept the Committee reports, seconded by C. Partidge; Committee Reports were accepted.

H. Boyer moved adjournment.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:36PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Collins