Commissioners Present: Maggie Bartenhagen, Elaine Beckwith, Dora Bouboulis, Tom Buchanan, Tom Consolino, Corky Elwell, Jodi French, Alan LaCombe, Carolyn Partridge, Piet van Loon, Norm Wright
Staff Present: Chris Campany, Mike Shaughnessy, Ashley Collins
Convened: 7:00pm

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

Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:
1. Chris gave a brief overview of the primary role of the Executive Board for the new and returning board members.
2. Mike Shaughnessy and Norm Wright provided the board with an outline of the proposed budget for FY2013. There was some discussion regarding the budget, but no immediate concerns. Norm also asked the Board for approval of the Finance Committee’s Purpose and Objectives Statement. On a motion by Tom B., seconded by Tom C., the Finance Committee’s Purpose and Objectives Statement was approved. The Board was asked to approve the 2011 Audit. There was some discussion about repetitive findings that relate to oversight, and the challenges presented by the scale of the organization to provide ideal oversight. On a motion by Tom C., seconded by Alan, the 2011 Audit was approved.
3. Chris outlined the proposed scope of work in a new contract with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Chris and Piet asked the Board to take some time to review the contract and provide feedback. It was also noted that the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) would continue conversations with the Agency to better clarify performance measures and expectations.
4. Chris announced that the EDA proposal to work with the Bennington County RPC was submitted on Monday, June 11th. There was discussion about precisely how the business technical assistance component of the proposal would work. It was explained that the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation would have the lead on that aspect of the proposal, and that the WRC would have the lead on the municipal planning elements. Questions were also asked about the heading of two columns, one of which made specific reference to the economic challenges municipalities faced prior to Irene, and the other which did not. It was noted that the text leading to those columns emphasized the overall economic decline the region has experienced. A question was asked about the existence of the disaster
recovery offices. It was explained that they do not yet exist and funding from the EDA, if awarded, would be used to establish these. Who would fill the proposed positions has also not been discussed or decided.

5. Chris provided an overview of the Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development hearing on its draft action plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds. There was discussion about the proper role of the WRC in getting word out about formal hearings that are not its own. Of specific note was the lack of information provided to business owners in Brattleboro. Chris explained that the WRC has relied upon its partners, including the BDCC, the Chambers, the Towns, and downtown organizations such as Building a Better Brattleboro, to get information to individual businesses as the WRC does not have those contacts or networks. The importance of this communication issue was acknowledged, and improving communication is an ongoing priority.

6. Chris mentioned that the next full commission meeting will likely be held in Londonderry, and Bruce Gardner would speak about the anticipated use of truck delivered compressed natural gas (CNG) as an alternative to fuel oil and propane. As the price of oil has increased, delivered CNG has become more cost-competitive. This has energy and regulatory implications.

**Committee Reports:**
Jodi suggested that because Committee minutes are provided to the Board prior to the meetings, Committee Reports should be kept to a minimum at Board meetings unless there is something pressing that needs to be addressed. She also discussed current vacancies for Committee Chair positions which included the Public Policy and Legislative Committee, and the Personnel Committee. Jodi also mentioned that some Board members had expressed interest in stepping down from their positions on the Board, and from serving as Committee chairs. She suggested that Board members think about chairing one of these Committees, or nominating someone else to become chair. These Committees include: Project Review, Finance, Energy, and the position of Treasurer on Executive Board.

- Jodi asked for a motion to appoint Piet as the Chair of the new Emergency Planning Committee; on a **motion** by Norm, seconded by Tom C., **motion was approved**; Piet van Loon is Chair of the Emergency Planning Committee.
- Jodi asked for a motion to appoint Tom B., as the Chair of the new VY Study Committee; on **motion** by Norm, seconded by Carolyn, the motion was **approved**; Tom Buchanan is Chair of the VY Study Committee.

**Energy:**
- Tom announced that the Motion to Intervene, which was approved at last month’s Board meeting, will be filed later this week.
- Tom presented the Board with the WRC’s Response to Entergy’s Motion for Relief. After a short discussion, Tom C., made a **motion** to approve the Motion for Relief, seconded by Carolyn; **motion was approved** with minor grammatical changes.
- Tom and Chris presented a draft Purpose and Objectives Statement for the new Vermont Yankee Study Committee to the Board and asked members to review it and provide feedback. When Committee members are officially appointed the Committee will then review the draft statement, the Board’s feedback, and approve a final draft before requesting approval from the Executive Board.
Natural Resources: Maggie mentioned that the Committee is hoping to have August be the target month for the next Conservation Committees Gathering.

Planning Coordination: Alan announced that enhanced consultations have been completed in eight towns, and the ninth is expected to be complete by the June 30th deadline.

Project Review: Representative David Deen was present at the meeting and discussed the proposed mulch production site in Vernon, and issues related to the site. Specific concerns relate to noise, control of dying agents, and storm water management. It is believed the proposed storm water retention and detention pond outlet may enter a wetland and/or stream. Elaine gave an update on the Haystack Master Plan, and provided some follow up details on the proposed Aldi supermarket on Putney Road in Brattleboro.

Transportation: The May Committee minutes were distributed, after which Jodi gave a brief outline of the meeting on June 11th. The Committee reviewed the FY2013 work plan and discussed Complete Streets. The latter may be a possible cross-town talk topic.

Brownfields: 
Community Development: 
Finance: No Meeting/Nothing to Report 
LEPC: 
N nominating: 
Public Policy & Legislative: 

On a motion by Norm, seconded by Maggie the Committee Reports were accepted.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Collins