Executive Board
December 11, 2012
WRC Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Maggie Bartenhagen, Dora Bouboulis, Tom Buchanan, Tom Consolino, Corky Elwell, Alan LaCombe, Carolyn Partridge, Piet van Loon, Norm Wright
Excused: Jack Cunningham
Staff Present: Chris Campany, Ashley Collins
Convened: 7:03PM

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

Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:
1. Bylaw Amendment – Chris presented the board with the 2nd draft proposal, with requested edits, that the officers would be elected from the sitting Board members; there was some discussion surrounding the language and how nominations might still be accepted from the floor. The Board agreed that they would like to see the wording revised in the opening sentence to “The Executive Board shall consist of twelve members, made up of five officers and seven Commissioners”. On a motion by Norm, seconded by Carolyn to change the wording in the opening sentence was approved, vote is subject to approval by the Full Commission in January.

2. WRC Letter to Energy Siting Panel – The Board reviewed the letter that was drafted for the Energy Siting Panel and made a few small suggestions. A motion to send the letter by Maggie, seconded by Tom C., was approved.

3. WRC Letter to PSB - The Board reviewed a draft response letter to the PSB concerning Entergy’s Motion in Docket 7862. There were suggestions to make minor changes, and a motion was made by Carolyn to approve the draft with suggested edits, seconded by Tom C. The motion was approved.

4. Commissioner Survey - Chris has drafted a survey for Commissioners to get a better sense of where they stand on procedures, meetings, and other topics related to their responsibilities as a Commissioner, what is important to them, and what might be done to encourage and facilitate greater participation. After an extended discussion about the proposed survey, suggestions were made regarding anonymity, mentors instead of orientations, and changing the way some of the questions are written. Chris will make suggested edits and bring this back to the Board in January.

5. Chris announced that a bi-regional Irene economic recovery and resiliency collaborative effort was awarded a $472,000 grant by the EDA. Chris will provide the Board with more information about the details of the project implementation in January.
Committee Reports: The following is a summary of issues not reflected in Committee Minutes that were raised by Committee Chairs.

LEPC: Corky gave a brief outline of the main topics that were covered at the November meeting: Vermont Emergency Management and The Vermont Department of Homeland Security have merged, and Vermont State Police is continuing training on how to properly deal with cases involving people with mental health issues.

Public Policy & Legislative: Tom C. and Chris recently met to discuss how to proceed with the Committee as Tom has assumed the chair role from John Kristensen. Invitations have been sent to all of the Legislative Representatives and have already received half a dozen responses to come and speak with the Committee. They will also be reaching out to the Bennington and Windsor Senators, to come and speak to the Committee.

Transportation: The Committee is reviewing the Transportation Plan Policies and trying to make it more user-friendly. Chris also mentioned that the draft “Road Codes and Standards” are out and these will be sent to Road Foreman throughout the region by Matt Mann.

Brownfields:
Community Development:
Energy:
Finance:
Natural Resources: No Meeting/ Nothing to Report
Nominating:
Planning Coordination:
Project Review:
Regional Plan Update:
VY Study Committee:

Norm moved adjournment
Meeting Adjourned: 8:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Collins