Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Maggie Bartenhagen, Dora Bouboulis, Tom Buchanan, Tom Consolino, Jack Cunningham, Corky Elwell, Alan LaCombe, Piet van Loon, Norm Wright via conference call
Excused: Carolyn Partridge
Staff Present: Chris Campany, Cullen Meves, Ashley Collins
Convened: 7:00PM

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

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF): WRC Planner Cullen Meves was present to discuss the first RLF application for funding from the DVTA. The application sought $150,000 in grant money, and although the lenders have approved the application for $150,000 in loans, the Committee recommends $100,000 in grant money and $50,000 in a loan in order to have some funding returned to the revolving loan fund. The application was reviewed by the RLF Committee and the Brownfields Committee. On a motion made by Norm seconded by Tom C., the Executive Board approved the project for $100,000 in grants and $50,000 in loans for a term of 15 years.

Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:
- Executive Director, Chris Campany and WRC Commissioner Tom Buchanan participated in technical hearings related to Entergy Vermont Yankee. This was an opportunity for WRC to cross examine witnesses in this docket. Chris and Tom B. prepared the questions for the witnesses. Chris had to miss the first day of the technical hearings due to a family matter. On the second day he gave Tom B. permission to conduct the cross examination as Tom had had the opportunity to witness the first day of hearings and knew what to expect from the parties and the Board. The questions Tom B. asked had been developed by him and Chris.
  - Tom B., is sought approval for the Executive Director’s decision to have Tom B., ask target questions in the cross examination of the witnesses; on a motion by Maggie, seconded by Corky the motion was approved with one abstention.
  - The Town of Vernon filed a public comment letter with the PSB to complain about the process used and claims made by Public Service Department witness, Daniel Garson. The WRC entered this letter during the cross examination of Entergy witness, Henry Dodson. The Town of Vernon also filed a motion to intervene. Executive Board was asked to show support for Vernon’s petition. After an extended discussion Jack moved that the
Executive Board support the Town of Vernon’s active participation as an intervener in the PSB process if Vernon files a complete motion and/or the PSB seeks comment. It was noted that WRC policy is to support and encourage town participation in regulatory processes. Tom C. seconded the motion; motion was approved, with one abstention.

- On February 4th, Executive Director Chris Campany and Tom B. met with staff of the Public Service Department and the Agency of Natural Resources to explain the WRC’s positions and our reason for participation in the technical hearings. The agenda for that meeting was presented to the Executive Board, and Tom B. asked for the Board’s endorsement as the document lays out the WRC’s positions in Docket 7862. The Board was in general agreement and accepted the agenda as a document that reflects WRC Policies.
- Tom B. explained that he would like to reach out to the ANR and DPS for future meetings. On a motion made by Dora, seconded by Piet, the scheduling of future meetings with ANR and DPS was approved.
- Tom B. summarized his recommended next activities for WRC participation in the docket. These activities were: another round of technical hearings, and final briefs in the coming months, with discovery questions to be approved by Executive Director Chris Campany. Dora made a motion that these activities be allowed with the approval of Executive Director Chris Campany; the motion was seconded by Tom C., motion was approved. Tom B., recommends that WRC not pre-file testimony, but may do so at a later date; the Board was in general agreement on this recommendation.
- There was a motion made to refer to Chris Campany as Executive Director, instead of Chris the future minutes, motion was approved.

- Executive Director, Chris Campany, compiled feedback based on the commissioner surveys returned to WRC. The Board agreed to send one more reminder to Commissioners and will review the feedback at next month’s meeting.
- Executive Director Chris Campany mentioned that Senator Leahy will be in Brattleboro on Friday March 15th to speak about the release of the first CDBG-Disaster Recovery Funds, and that Executive Board members were invited to attend.
- It was noted that WRC’s 50th anniversary is coming up in 2015, and the Board should begin to consider ways to recognize this.
- The March Commission meeting will take place in Putney, VT, with Windham-Windsor Housing Trust Executive Director, Connie Snow serving as guest speaker; where she will discuss affordable housing.

Committee Reports:

**Brownfields:** The minutes were distributed for review. There was brief discussion regarding properties in Wilmington, flood plain issues, and WRC’s position moving forward on Brownfield redevelopment in floodplains specifically, and village redevelopment in flood plain areas generally.

**Energy:** The Committee reviewed the Energy Plan component of the Regional Plan and has made some recommendations. They will continue to review the Energy Plan, and Dora mentioned that they are still working on the Work Plan. She also mentioned that there was an event regarding Energy Conservation Projects.

**Finance:** Norm gave a brief outline of the Audit Report to the Board. It was decided the Board will wait to approve the report at the April meeting to allow time for review. The Committee met in
February where the bulk of the discussion centered around the Audit Report. They also discussed how to improve understanding among Commissioners about how the budget works and how WRC is funded.

**LEPC:** The minutes were distributed for review. Corky mentioned that there is a new chair for the Committee, David Dezendorf of Townshend, and the main subject on the agenda was discussing school safety.

**Project Review:** The main topic at the most recent meeting was the Stratton Master Plan renewal. Stratton was hoping to get a ten year extension with no hearings, but WRC is suggesting a five year extension would be more appropriate; the Committee was in general consensus regarding the extension.

**Public Policy & Legislative:** Tom C. provided a brief summary on the Legislative Representatives and what they covered during their session with the PPLC. David Deen was present on February 25th. He is Chair of the Fish & Wildlife Committee, and discussed shoreline protection and land use issues. Carolyn Partridge and Ann Manwaring were present on March 4th. Carolyn is Chair of the Agriculture Committee, and discussed the GMO (genetically modified organism) Labeling Bill, which was approved by the Agriculture Committee, and is now being reviewed by the Judiciary Committee. Ann serves on the House of Appropriations Committee, and is focusing primarily on the Education Budget this term. Her focus is trying to move the discussion from the cost of education to the quality of education. Charles Goodwin, who is also a WRC Commissioner representing Weston, was present on March 11th. This is his first term serving in the Legislature and serves on the Judiciary Committee.

**Transportation:** The Committee minutes were distributed for review. Mollie Burke presented information on the State’s Transportation Committee, and provided statistics, fact sheets, and discussed the funding options for public transit, rail, and other transportation issues. The Committee continued the discussion on the Transportation Plan Policies, and started prioritizing capital and town highway bridge projects.

**Community Development:**  
**Emergency Planning:**  
**Natural Resources:**  
**Nominating:**  
**Planning Coordination:**  
**Regional Plan Update:**  
**VY Study Committee:**

No Meeting/Nothing to Report

On a motion by Piet, seconded by Tom C., the Committee reports were accepted.

**Jack Cunningham moved adjournment.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:54PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ashley Collins