Executive Board  
June 11, 2013  
WRC Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Jodi French (Chair), Tom Buchanan, Tom Consolino, Corky Elwell, Carolyn Partridge, Piet van Loon, Norm Wright  
Excused: Maggie Bartenhagen, Jack Cunningham, Alan LaCombe  
Staff Present: Chris Campany, 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 Tom B., seconded by Piet, the Treasurers report was approved.

Municipal Services Policy: Executive Director Chris Campany requested that the Planning Coordination Committee draft a policy that defines what the Windham Regional Commission does for the towns, and when we will begin to charge a town beyond their assessment. The Committee had positive feedback on the policy that was drafted and then presented to the Board. Chris suggested adding language relating to flood hazard bylaws. Tom C. moved to accept the policy as presented with one amendment to add language reflecting flood hazard bylaws; motion was seconded by Tom B; motion was approved.

Town of Wiscasset: Executive Director Chris Campany recently visited the Town of Wiscasset to discuss the closing of Maine Yankee and the subsequent impacts on the community. He met with the Town Manager, Town Planner, and Town Treasurer. Impacts included: a dramatic and rapid increase in taxes paid by residents, an eventual tax and impact fee decision handed down by a court, the challenges presented by the closure to the structure of town government and staffing at the time, the lack of coordination of multiple planning efforts directed towards resiliency and recovery, the challenge that the relative isolation from other towns and the state that the town chose for itself while the plant was in operation posed for it after the plant closed, and a failed reinvestment effort to reuse the portion of the Maine Yankee site where spent nuclear fuel was not stored.

Health Insurance 2014: Executive Director Chris Campany explained that WRC has been reviewing different plan options for 2014. Because the plans are not yet finalized, it is unclear precisely what the costs to the WRC will be, but preliminary numbers indicate that the costs will not be substantially different. What will be different is what the plans will require in terms of employee out of pocket contribution to deductibles.

Joint Committee Suggestion: It’s been suggested by staff and the Finance Committee that Finance and Personnel be made a joint committee. For the last few years the principal personnel issue has
related to compensation, which relates directly to finance. There was some discussion, and it was
decided that Executive Director Campany would write a proposal for the Board before discussing this
further.

Executive Director’s Report & Other Business:
Executive Director Chris Campany provided the Board with a list of his recent activities in an attempt
to be more time efficient at Board and Commission meetings each month. The Board agreed that this
would be an efficient way to accept the Executive Director’s Report. Chris mentioned that he would
address any questions or provide feedback if Commissioners would like to discuss something specific
from the bulleted list provided.

Chris explained that Brandy Saxton with PlaceSense, reviewed the Windham Regional Plan, along
with the regional plans of all RPC’s. She will be presenting the evaluation summary at this month’s
Full Commission meeting. He explained that Brandy was retained by the Agency of Commerce and
Community Development, and VAPDA, to evaluate how well each plan comported with the letter
and intent of statute, and that this effort was recommended as a part of the previous evaluation of the
performance of Vermont’s RPCs by the National Association of Development Agencies. Chris felt the
report came at a useful time as we are updating the WRC Regional Plan.

Committee Reports:
Finance: The Committee met just prior to the Board’s meeting to discuss the FY2014 Budget. Norm
explained that The Gathering Place has ended their contract. Executive Director Chris Campany
suggested that the WRC reimburse WRC Planner Cullen Meves for the costs she incurred to register
to take the Landscape Architecture Record Examination, which she passed, because this was
necessary for her licensure as a landscape architect in Vermont, and this licensure would be of benefit
to the WRC. On a motion by Norm, seconded by Piet that WRC reimburse Cullen Meves up to $690
for costs relating to exams; motion was approved.

LEPC: The last meeting was held on May 21st, where they discussed needs of the Oklahoma Tornado
victims, community training exercises conducted by BMH, and the upcoming VY Drill on June 5th.

Nominating: There was no recent meeting of the Committee. With the recent resignation of Alan
LaCombe from the Board in addition to the two vacancies; the Board now has three spots to fill. Piet
van Loon has offered to serve as Vice Chair, and Tom Consolino has offered to serve as Secretary.
Other nominations have come in for two of the vacancies. The Commission will vote on these at the
meeting on June 25th.

Planning Coordination: The WRC’s public hearing on the Jamaica Town Plan was held June 10th; the
Commission will vote on the Town Plan and Findings at the June 25th meeting.

Regional Plan Update: The Committees are making progress on reviewing their chapters. Cullen
Meves will present the timeline for the Regional Plan Update at the June 25th Commission meeting.

Transportation: The most recent meeting was held on June 10th. WRC Senior Planner Matt Mann
provided the Committee with status updates on various grants and projects. They also reviewed the
Transportation Work Program.
**VY Study:** The VY Technical Hearings are set to begin on June 17th, at which Executive Director Chris Campany and Commissioner Tom Buchanan will be representing WRC. The cross examination will focus on matters related to the eventual decommissioning of the station and the storage of spent nuclear fuel on the site. Chris and Tom B. asked the Executive Board to allow Tom B. to represent the WRC during the hearings as Chris had numerous schedule conflicts and the WRC did not have the budget to support staff participation in the hearings for two weeks. Norm moved to approve the filing a Motion to Appear that would allow Tom B. to participate in the hearing on behalf of WRC, seconded by Carolyn; motion was **approved.**

Brownfields:  
Community Development:  
Emergency Planning:  
Energy:  
Natural Resources:  
Project Review:  
Public Policy & Legislative:  

No Meeting / Nothing to Report

Norm moved adjournment, seconded by Tom C.  
Meeting Adjourned: 8:57PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ashley Collins