

**Southern Windsor County
Regional Planning Commission**

Minutes of Monday, June 19, 2017
Martin Memorial Hall, Ascutney, VT

Commissioners Present: Tom Bock, Chester; Peter Daniels, Weathersfield; Joe Wilson, Springfield; Joe Fromberger, Andover; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; Etienne Ting, Cavendish; Norm Vanasse, Ludlow (Alt); Walter Martone, Springfield (Alt); Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Tom Marsh, Windsor.

Staff Present: Tom Kennedy, Allison Hopkins, Cynthia Porter, Chris Titus and Amanda Porter.

Tom Bock opened the meeting at 12:30 PM.

1. Changes to the Agenda
 - a. None
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. *Peter Daniels made a motion to approve the May 22, 2017 Secretary's Report. Second by Wayne Wheelock. Motion passed.*
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. *Tom Kenyon made a motion to accept the May 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report. Second by Etienne Ting. Motion passed.*
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Joe Fromberger from the Nomination Committee gave a brief history of the process of electing the Executive Committee.
 - b. The slate of officers presented were:

Chair- Tom Bock
Vice Chair - Joe Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer - Kathy Rondeau

Tom Kenyon made a motion to accept the nomination slate as presented. Second by Peter Daniels. Motion passed.
5. Committee Membership Appointments
 - a. A list of committee members was included in the packet and Tom Kennedy encouraged the Commissioners to reach out to the Chair, Tom Bock, if interested in joining a committee. No action was taken at this meeting.
6. Approval of FY18 Budget
 - a. *Peter Daniels made a motion to accept the FY18 Budget as presented in the amount of 1,060,531.00. Second by Etienne Ting. Walter Martone asked a couple of clarification questions. Motion passed*
7. Discussion of Draft Regional Energy Plan

Tom Kennedy introduced what he called a “drafty draft” of the Regional Energy Plan that staff has been working on. He gave some history of its origin from the Legislature and its reference to substantial deference in the section 248 process and having a “voice” and greater weight in this process. It is a 2 year process to be adopted and staff has been gathering data. No surprise that our region has an assumption to making its goals through solar and not very strong for industrial wind. He asked the Commissioners to read and review and give any feedback. Peter Daniels suggested an appendix for reference. Amanda Porter responded that there is an ongoing discussion around an appendix. Wayne Wheelock stated that the energy issue is a hard “sell” as 80% of the town is not in favor of solar. Further discussion was had around acceptance by the towns. Walter Martone expressed his appreciation and learned quite a bit. The goal is to approve by the years end. All were encouraged to attend Energy Committee meetings as we are to provide energy usage data to the towns for their plans.

8. Discussion of Water Quality Programs

Tom Kennedy led a discussion of the list of programs from transportation to water quality. He informed the board that the legislature has asked the RPC's to administer this grant process as they are looking for it to be managed in a timely manner.

9. *Joe Fromberger made a motion to adjourn. Peter Daniels seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Titus