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**Southern Windsor County
Regional Planning Commission**

Minutes of Monday, February 26, 2018
Springfield Town Offices, Springfield, VT

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

Staff Present: Tom Kennedy, Jason Rasmussen, Cynthia Porter, Chris Titus.

Others Present: Walter Wallace, Springfield.

Tom Bock opened the meeting at 12:15 PM.

1. Changes to the Agenda
 - a. None.
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. *Tom Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2017 meeting. Second by Joe Wilson. Motion passed.*
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. *Logan Nicoll made a motion to accept the January 2018 Treasurer's Report. Second by Kathy Rondeau. Motion passed.*
4. Draft Regional Energy Plan
 - a. Jason Rasmussen discussed the draft Regional Energy Plan that has been revised to address "pre-review" comments from the Department of Public Service. It has also been revised to address comments received at a meeting of local energy committee members hosted by the RPC in January. The Board agreed with the proposed schedule:
 - March 2018 – Public Outreach/local energy committees
 - March 2018 – Finalize draft at the RPC meeting
 - April 2018 – First public hearing
 - June 2018 – Second public hearing
 - b. There was discussion about wind power, which is an area where there is not clear consensus. More discussion and consideration will be needed.
5. Preferred Site and Section 248 Updates
 - a. Jason Rasmussen discussed three 500 kW solar projects proposed in Springfield; one off of Craigue Hill Road, one off Edgewood Road and one in a portion of the Highway Department's old gravel pit. The applicants are asking the Town

Selectboard and Planning Commission and the RPC to sign a preferred site letter for each proposed site. Walter Wallace reported on the projects for the Springfield Planning Commission. Both the Springfield Selectboard and Planning Commission have approved signing the preferred site letters.

- b. *Joe Fromberger made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign the preferred site letter for the 500 kW solar project located off of Craigue Hill Road. Second by Logan Nicoll. Motion passed.*
 - c. *Joe Wilson made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign the preferred site letter for the 500 kW solar project located off of Edgewood Road. Second by Etienne Ting. Motion passed.*
 - d. *Joe Fromberger made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign the preferred site letter for the 500 kW solar project located on the Town Highway old gravel pit. Second by Logan Nicoll. Motion passed.*
6. Legislative Updates
 - a. Tom Kennedy and Tom Bock reported on a number of bills that appear to be moving forward in the Legislature, including guns, minimum wage, water quality, policing, and Act 250.
7. Old Business
 - a. None.
8. Adjourn
 - a. *Joe Fromberger made a motion to adjourn. Second by Logan Nicoll. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Rasmussen