



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
UVLSRPC Offices, Lebanon, NH
Approved September 11, 2013

Committee Present:

Thain Allan, Grantham
Katherine Connolly, Hanover
Larry, LeClair, Lebanon
Jeff Kessler – Newport
Steve Schneider-Enfield

Others:

Christine Walker, staff

- The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.
- Christine provided an overview of the Regional Plan/Granite State Future project. The staff is currently working assembling current conditions for various subjects such as water infrastructure, transportation, etc. The Regional Planning Committee met just prior to the Annual Meeting and the Commission will be hosting 10 regional meetings with municipalities. At the meetings communities will hear a report out on what has been done to date, what we have heard from citizens and will discuss what projects are happening within each community that should be listed within the regional plan.
- There was a letter from Quail Hollow asking for the Commission's support on their project. Christine noted that to her knowledge the Commission had not participated in supporting or opposing any projects within the region by private developers and that should be going to raise the matter at the next Regional Planning Committee meeting.
- Christine let the Committee know that there was a lot of change happening at the Local Government Center. The LGC would be forming two new organizations. The Property Liability Trust and the Health Trust. Additionally, they will be providing either a check or a credit on our health insurance which they are being required to do following a lawsuit.
- Christine inquired with the Committee about their opinion about the Commission coordinating multi-town services that may be new to the Commission. After discussion it was generally agreed that the Commission should be careful not to put itself in a situation that could be financially unsustainable and for Christine to conduct due diligence prior to entering into any agreements. Christine said that should be future conversations with the City of Lebanon concerning this subject.
- Christine discussed with the Committee the Connecticut River Joint Commission, a contract that the Commission has had for two years, and was about to enter into another year-long contract. She explained that the CRJC Board is unwieldy and having leadership issues. She

explained that she was unsure that she had the time to dedicate to working with them herself and current staff may lack capacity to pull them together. The issue is that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is currently in the process of relicensing three dams within the CRJC areas of service. There is a small group of individuals that are driving decision-making and UVLSRPC has neither the knowledge base nor the capacity with the contract to address these issues at the level that is desired by some. Christine expressed concern that many hours worth of staff time would be dedicated to the FERC issues and the contract will not be satisfied at the end of the year. After further explanation and discussion, **Kate motioned to authorized Christine to do what she needed to that was in the best interest of UVLSRPC up to and including terminating the contract for services to CRJC. The motion was seconded by Thain and passed unanimously.**

- Christine informed the Committee that the Commission has purchased additional ESRI software that will enable staff to put interactive GIS maps online. The first project that will take place will demonstrate the level of service of bicycles and pedestrians that was done last year.
- Christine stated that the disposal of equipment will remain on the agenda until staff has an opportunity to complete a draft for the Executive Committee. Funders are interested in this policy being adopted by the full Commission at some point in the year.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.