



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

UVLSRPC Joint Finance and Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2013
UVLSRPC Offices, Lebanon, NH
Approved September 11, 2013

Committee Present:

Thain Allan, Grantham
Katherine Connolly, Hanover
Jeff Kessler, Newport
Peter Guillette
Larry LeClair, Lebanon
Kevin Lee, Springfield
Steven Schneider, Enfield

Others:

Christine Walker, staff
Chris Courtemanche, staff
Nate Miller, staff

- Chair Larry LeClair called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- Minutes from May 29 and July 10 were not approved since not all members have reviewed them. Minutes will be reviewed and approved at next meeting in September.
- Local Government Center (LGC) 2010 surplus: Christine informed the committee that the LGC (HealthTrust) refunded \$440.47 which represents our share Contribution Holiday for the Dental in calendar year 2011. Additional funds will mostly follow for calendar year 2010 on the medical.
- Opportunity for multi-town collaboration: Christine noted that Andrew Gast-Bray, planner from Lebanon wants to see if other municipalities are interested in formally hiring an Arborist. The City of Lebanon is interested in having the person there 2-3 days a week. The Arborist would be an employee of UVLSRPC but would be subcontracted out to municipalities. Christine explained that the person would be hired on a contract basis and if there was not specific 'arborist' work then they would not be paid. The position would not be salary or require the Commission to find additional work if communities did not fill a full work week.
- Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Dues proposal: After much discussion, the committee agreed that the Commission should increase the dues for FY15 by 1.8%. **Kate Connolly moved to recommend to the Commission the increase of 1.8%. Motion was seconded by Jeff Kessler. Motion carried.** Additional conversation took place regarding the source of the data that staff were using to determine the Cost of Living. Larry moved that in the future the cost of living index should be from New England which is more representative of this area. This year that would have been 1.6% as opposed to the 1.8%. **It was unanimously agreed to use the**

New England numbers in the future.

- Committee appointments:

There was some discussion about Committee members, but most felt that it was outlined well and there was good response from the Commissioners. Larry will emphasize at the Commission meeting that it would be good to have additional Commissioners on the Program Committee.

- At the end of the meeting Mike McCrory entered the meeting stating the Regional Planning Committee (who was meeting at the same time in an adjacent room) decided that the matter of the Quail Hollow should be the decision of the Executive Committee. Christine reminded the Committee that Quail Hollow had asked to receive a letter of support. After short conversation, the **Kate motioned and Larry seconded that this was not an appropriate organization to be supporting/opposing private development and requested that Christine respond to Quail Hollow appropriately.**

A motion was made by Steve Schneider to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jeff Kessler. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Chris Courtemanche