



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin Regional Planning Board Executive Committee Minutes

June 6, 2016

*John W. Olver Transit Center, 12 Olive Street
2nd Floor Library, Greenfield*

Attendance

FRPB Executive Committee Members

J. Lund, Chair
S. Lovejoy, 1st Vice Chair
T. Miner, 2nd Vice Chair
J. Rockwell, Clerk
J. Basford
C. Olchowski
T. Cady

FRCOG Staff

Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development

Actions

J. Lund called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The FRPB Executive Committee reviewed the minutes for the previous meeting.

The FRPB Executive Committee reviewed the agenda items for the June FRPB meeting and requested presentations on the Zoning Act and transportation planning including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as updates on local bridges and passenger rail. Also requested were updates on the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility FERC Relicensing and a discussion of the FERC permitting process.

Staff is working on a Draft letter that outlines the deficiencies of the FERC process that should be ready for review at the next meeting.

Community meetings have largely been completed for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership project and Draft State legislation to establish a Special Designation for the 21-town region has been prepared and submitted to our local legislative delegation.

With respect to the relicensing process for the Northfield Pumped Storage facility and the Cabot Station generators, T. Miner stated that a meeting with the CRWC and other stakeholders is being planned to discuss the closed loop option, meaning there would be a new lower reservoir created and the Connecticut River would be completely separate from the operation. In addition, the CRWC plans to hire an environmental consultant to help review the studies.

The FRPB annual elections and the Slate of Nominations were reviewed and discussed.

Votes

The minutes of May 2, 2016 were moved by T. Cady. T. Miner seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

J. Basford moved the Slate of Nominations for the 2016/17 annual FRPB elections. J. Rockwell seconded the motion. The Slate of Nominations was unanimously approved.

T. Miner moved to adjourn. T. Cady seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.