



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Franklin Regional Planning Board Executive Committee Minutes

May 2, 2016

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

### Attendance

#### FRPB Executive Committee Members

J. Lund, Chair  
S. Lovejoy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
T. Miner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
T. Cady  
J. Rockwell  
T. Hutcheson  
J. Basford  
C. Olchowski

#### 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 May FRPB meeting and requested presentations on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Report and Transportation Improvement Program and an update on Passenger Rail and the MBI Broad Band project if available. Also requested were updates on the proposed Kinder Morgan-TGP pipeline and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility FERC Relicensing.

With respect to the proposed NED pipeline project, Kinder Morgan announced that it was suspending work on the pipeline project on April 20, 2016 due to lack of adequate demand. FRPB members discussed sending follow-up letters to Federal legislators addressing the deficiencies of the FERC process and to State legislators objecting to the proposed tariff on electric ratepayers that would support the financing of gas pipelines.

Community meetings are being conducted for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership project and Draft State legislation to establish a Special Designation for the 21-town region is being prepared.

With respect to the relicensing process for the Northfield Pumped Storage facility and the Cabot Station generators, T. Miner stated that the official "Application" has been filed with FERC. It's primarily a "placeholder" as there is still a considerable amount of work to be completed for the environmental impact studies.

FRPB annual elections and the appointment of a Nominating Committee were discussed.

**Notes**

The minutes of February 1, 2016 were moved by T. Cady. S. Lovejoy seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

T. Cady moved that J. Basford, G. Walker & J. Rockwell be appointed as the Nominating Committee for the 2016/17 annual FRPB elections. S. Lovejoy seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

T. Cady made a motion to support sending a letter to Federal legislators regarding the FERC process and to State legislators on the proposed tariff on electric ratepayers to support gas pipeline construction. T. Hutcheson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Staff will Draft letters and work with the FRCOG Regional Pipeline Advisory Committee and FRCOG Executive Committee.

G. Walker moved to adjourn. T. Cady seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.