



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin Regional Planning Board Executive Committee Minutes

March 2, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

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

Attendance

FRPB Executive Committee Members

Jerry Lund, Chair

Gisela Walker

Jim Basford

Ted Cady

Charlie Olchowski

FRCOG Staff

Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development

Actions

J. Lund called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The FRPB Executive Committee reviewed the minutes for the previous meeting.

The FRPB Executive Committee reviewed the agenda items for the March 2015 Franklin Regional Planning Board meeting and requested a presentation on the Franklin County Farm and Food System Project and MA Food System Plan projects and updates on the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility FERC Relicensing.

Staff provided updates on the DCR Forestry Project. The Draft Plan is nearing completion and regional meetings to present the plan are expected to be held late spring or early summer.

The FRPB Executive Committee discussed potential construction and operation impacts related to the proposed TGP pipeline. The FRPB Executive Committee identified key concerns and requested staff to prepare a Draft letter to the Governor that would be sent to the FRCOG Executive Committee for their review and discussion. The FRCOG has established a Regional Pipeline Advisory Committee based on town requests for technical assistance related to the pipeline. The purpose of the Committee is to provide information on the FERC process to potentially impacted towns and to facilitate information exchanges.

AECOM, a consultant to Kinder Morgan has requested information on natural and cultural resources for the towns and the FRCOG. The FRPB Executive Committee discussed this request and the need to identify natural and cultural resources that will be impacted by the proposed pipeline given the limited information in the first Draft of Resource Reports prepared by Kinder Morgan.

Votes

The minutes of January 5, 2015 were moved by T. Cady. G. Walker seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved.

T. Cady moved to request staff to prepare a Draft letter about potential pipeline impacts discussed that would be submitted to the FRCOG Executive Committee. G. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimously approved

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