



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin Regional Planning Board Executive Committee Minutes

May 4, 2015, 2:30 p.m.

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

Attendance

FRPB Executive Committee Members

Jerry Lund, Chair

T. Miner, 2nd Vice Chair/Clerk

S. Lovejoy, 1st Vice Chair

Jim Basford

Ted Cady

Joan Rockwell

Bill Allen

Charlie 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 2015 Franklin Regional Planning Board meeting and requested presentations on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project. Also requested were updates on the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility FERC Relicensing.

Staff provided updates on the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project. The Draft Plan has been completed and regional meetings to present the plan are expected to be held this Summer or next Fall. FRCOG and BRPC staff have made a presentation regarding the project to the U.S. Forest Service which was well received.

The Draft letter to the Governor related to the proposed KM/TGP pipeline project has been sent to L. Dunlavy and the FRCOG Executive Committee after suggested revisions from FRPB Executive Committee members were incorporated. A Draft Scope of Work has been prepared for Regional Pipeline Advisory Committee members and towns to consider related to technical assistance from the FRCOG and legal services needed. Discussions are underway at the town level about the Draft Scope of Services and funding needed. S. Lovejoy suggested identifying specific State legislation, such as authorizing the use of impact fees or Host Community Agreements, that might assist our communities and bringing a request to our legislative delegation. S. Lovejoy will bring this suggestion to the FRCOG Executive Committee. FRCOG Staff are working on Study Requests for the upcoming FERC Scoping sessions in coordination with other RPAs.

T. Miner reported that the CRSEC is preparing a letter to the FERC regarding the inadequacy of the bank stabilization work proposed to be completed by First Light under the current license.

The FRPB Executive Committee discussed the Nominating Committee for the upcoming FRPB Annual Elections. J. Basford suggested recruiting younger At-Large FRPB members.

Votes

The minutes of April 6, 2015 were moved by S. Lovejoy. J. Rockwell seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved.

T. Cady moved to approve J. Rockwell, B. Allen and J. Basford to the Nominating Committee for the 2015-16 Annual FRPB Elections. S. Lovejoy seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

J. Rockwell moved to adjourn. S. Lovejoy seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.