



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin Regional Planning Board Executive Committee Minutes

October 3, 2016

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

Attendance

FRPB Executive Committee Members

J. Lund, Chair
J. Rockwell, 1st Vice Chair
T. Miner, 2nd Vice Chair
S. Lovejoy, Clerk
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 discussed the agenda items for the October FRPB meeting and requested presentations on the Regional Brownfield Program and Short Term Residential Rentals or the Millers Falls National Historic District nominations. Also requested were updates on the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility FERC Relicensing.

FRPB Executive Committee members reviewed and discussed potential changes to the FRPB meeting schedule possibly reducing the number of meetings from 8 to 6 meetings per year. Reasons discussed for the potential changes included the number of other FRCOG committees requesting volunteers, difficulty recruiting community members for additional volunteer activities, and staff capacity. More training and workshops are also being offered for municipal officials by the FRCOG which could supplement FRPB meetings. Also discussed was possibly modifying the FRPB Executive Committee schedule. FRPB Executive Committee members requested the potential schedule change be discussed at the October FRPB meeting to receive feedback.

T. Miner briefly outlined the relicensing studies including the Causation Study Report issued by First Light for the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility and the need to hire experts to review the technical information presented. T. Miner has met with FRCOG staff to discuss potential next steps to more effectively participate in the FERC process.

Votes

The minutes of September 12, 2016 were moved by T. Miner. T. Cady seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

T. Miner moved to adjourn. J. Rockwell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.