



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Executive Committee —MINUTES

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| Date & Time: | Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:00 p.m. Road Action View on Bardwells Ferry Road, Shelburne 5:30 p.m. Road Action Hearing & Meeting |
| Location: | 5:00 View — Bardwells Ferry Road at Dragon Brook Bridge, Shelburne 5:30 Hearing & Meeting — Shelburne Town Hall, 51 Bridge Street, Shelburne |
| Facilitator: | Bill Perlman, Chair |

View Attendees

FRCOG Council Executive Committee: **Kevin Fox**, Council Appointee, Colrain Rep; **Jim Basford**, Regional Planning Board Rep; **Bill Perlman**, Regionally Elected Rep; **Jay DiPucchio**, Regionally Elected Rep;
FRCOG Staff: **Bob Dean**, Director of Regional Services; *Guests:* **Bob Manners**, Shelburne Selectboard; **Mark Shippee**, Shelburne Highway Dept; **Catherine Williams**, 125 Bardwells Ferry Rd; **James Richardson**, 349 Bardwells Ferry Rd; **John Richardson**, 297 Bardwells Ferry Rd.

Hearing/Meeting Attendees

FRCOG Council Executive Committee: **Kevin Fox**, Council Appointee, Colrain Rep; **Jim Basford**, Regional Planning Board Rep; **Bill Perlman**, Regionally Elected Rep; **Jay DiPucchio**, Regionally Elected Rep;
FRCOG Staff: **Linda Dunlavy**, Executive Director; **Bob Dean**, Director of Regional Services; **Rebekah Boyd**, Admin Services Coordinator; *Guests:* **Bob Manners**, **Andrew Baker**, **Matthew Marchese** —all from the Shelburne Selectboard.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. Welcome and introductions

Bill P. opened the meeting/hearing at 5:30 p.m. by welcoming guests. Introductions were made.

2. Public hearing for a petition to layout a portion of Bardwells Ferry Road, Shelburne

At 5:30 p.m. Bill opened the public hearing in the matter of the layout of Bardwells Ferry Road in the Town of Shelburne (Petition # RA-2017-01) stating that the layout map supplied by the town matches the description of the modification at the public view and meets the requirements of the state department of transportation. No questions, comments, or objections were raised.

Jay D. moved that common convenience and necessity requires that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and we hereby layout said highway under the provisions of Chapter 82 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as defined on the layout plan entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Bardwells Ferry Road Over Dragon Brook (Bridge No. S-11-6), Shelburne, MA,” dated May15, 2017, prepared by Surveying and Mapping Consultants, Inc.” Kevin F. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jay D. moved that the Executive Committee sign the layout plan entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Bardwells Ferry Road Over Dragon Brook (Bridge No. S-11-6), Shelburne, MA,” dated May 15, 2017, officially endorsing the project. Kevin F. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The committee then signed the plan laid out before them.

Jay D. moved that the public hearing adjourn. Kevin F. seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The hearing closed at 5:35 p.m.

3. Appointing a Clerk

A clerk is needed to sign and accept legislation related to OPEB and the affiliated trust, and for possible future required signatures. Kevin Fox volunteered.

Jim B. moved that Kevin Fox be appointed the FRCOG Executive Committee Clerk. Jay D. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Review and adopt 6.8.17 Executive Committee minutes

Jay D. moved adoption of the 6.8.17 minutes as presented. Jim seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

5. Continuation of hearing for a petition for relocation of Egypt Road at the intersection of Egypt Road and State Road (Routes 5 & 10), Whately

At 6:00 p.m., Bill reopened the hearing of the relocation of the 1900 county layout of Egypt Road at its intersection with State Road (Rt. 5 & 10) in the town of Whately, (Petition # RA-2015-01), and suggested that after due consideration over the past 1 ½ years, and having received the Mylar copy of the plan discussed at the previous meeting, the committee might bring the matter to a vote.

Kevin F. moved that common convenience and necessity requires that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and we hereby relocate said highway under the provisions of Chapter 82 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as defined on the layout plan entitled “Plan of Proposed County Relocation in Whately, Mass. for the Whately Highway Department, Egypt Road — RT. 5 & 10 Intersection,” dated June 7, 2017, by S.K. Kimberly Engineering. Jim B seconded the motion, which passed with three in favor. Jay D. abstained

Kevin F. moved that the Executive Committee sign the relocation plan entitled, “Plan of Proposed County Relocation in Whately, MA, for the Whately Highway Department, Egypt Road — RT. 5 & 10 Intersection.” Jim B. seconded the motion which passed with three in favor. Jay D. abstained

The committee signed the plan and Bill P. closed the hearing at 6:07 p.m.

6. 20th Anniversary Plans

FRCOG turned 20 years old on July 1, and staff have been tweeting regularly and posting FRCOG milestones daily on Facebook. Staff hopes to have their efforts culminate into a 20th anniversary party with the blessings of the Council and Executive Committee. They hope to purchase story mapping software that can be used not only as part of the celebration, but also for other grant-seeking and information-sharing initiatives. Staff would also like to plan a party in September, inviting FC citizens,

state reps and senators, and possibly Congressman McGovern as well. They request up to \$5,000 of undesignated reserves to purchase and learn to use the story-mapping software for creation of the FRCOG 20th anniversary “story,” and to throw the celebratory party at the transit center. Linda noted that the bulk of the funding would be spent on staff time learning the new software.

Jay D. moved that the Executive Committee supports the expense of up to \$5000 for a variety of celebratory purchases and events to mark the FRCOG’s 20th anniversary. Kevin F. seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. FCECS update

(This update began at 5:42, before agenda item 5, while the EC awaited possible hearing attendees.)

On 6/29/17 FRCOG officials met with Curtis Wood of the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPSS) and others to discuss the future of Franklin County emergency communications and FRCOG’s request to join the existing statewide 800MHz system, currently used by state police, Mass DOT, and several communities across the state. They discussed, among other things:

- The system’s immediate repair and expansion needs, for which approximately \$4-8m is requested by EOPSS annually. (Not all parts of the system are converted to digital technology).
- The 3-phase, long-term strategic plan prepared by EOPSS, to be made public after further review and discussion with the state financing office, which includes strategies for improving, expanding, and updating the current system and its technology, **first**, for police; **second**, for other existing users; and **third**, for new potential users, including Franklin County
- The \$68m bond originally secured for expansion of the system, and the current expansion estimate of \$122m; \$13m of which will be used to fund the expansion to new potential users, including Franklin County, believed to cost \$6-8m

As a result of the meeting, assuming that FRCOG is able to patch and mend the existing 450MHz system until transition to the 800MHz system occurs, FRCOG sees next steps to be:

- Secure radios from Motorola to test coverage of the 800MHz system in all FC communities
- Secure letters of support from all FC Select Boards and police and fire departments
- Develop a financing and sustainability plan for all or a portion of user equipment and present it to towns in the coming months (assuming that infrastructure, network expansion, and maintenance will be the Commonwealth’s cost)
- Continue to work with and support EOPSS in their efforts

8. Updates and announcements

The state has finally passed the FY18 budget after legislators cut \$770m. Kulik said the legislature worked very hard not to demolish any one project, but instead made little cuts all across the budget for FRCOG and our towns. DLTA (regionalization and efficiency funding) and Community Compact grants remain intact. At this point the FRCOG staff is fully funded. Bill P. bemoaned the fact that the East-West high speed rail study was dropped.

In another matter, Bill P. announced that the Yankee/Rowe Atomic plant fuel storage certificate of compliance is set to expire in 2020 and that that facility will be up for relicensure, which will last for 40 years. He asked that Peggy Sloan register with FERC to receive updates so that FRCOG can keep an eye on its progress.

9. Business Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

Jay D. moved adjournment. Jim seconded the motion. The meeting closed at 6:14 p.m.

Documents Distributed:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the meeting of 6.8.17
- *FRCOG Executive Committee Road Action Protocol (Viewing and Hearing)*, dated July 13, 2017.
- *Petition from the Town of Shelburne Board of Selectmen re: Bardwells Ferry Road Over Dragon Brook (Bridge No. S-11-6), Shelburne, MA,* May 15, 2017.
- *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Order of Layout and Taking, Shelburne: Bardwells Ferry Road, Docket #RA-2017-01*
- *Possible Vote after Public Hearing on Bardwells Ferry Road, Docket #RA-2017-01, July 13, 2017*
- *Franklin Regional Council of Governments Highway Hearing on #RA-2017-01 Notice to View and Notice of Hearing.*
- *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Order of Layout and Taking, Whately: Egypt Road, Docket #RA-2015-01 (Including schedules A & B)*
- *Possible Vote after Public Hearing on Egypt Road, Whately Petition #RA-2015-01, July 13, 2017.*