

MINUTES

RPC Legislative Policy Committee

May 16, 2016

**** 4:30 PM ****

RPC Conference Room

Attendance: Members: Attending: Barbara Kravitz, (Chair) Hampton Tim Moore, Plaistow, James VanBollelen; Staff: Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director

1. Minutes of March, 14 2016 ("Report to Executive Board") *(Attached)*

The Report to the Executive Committee from the meeting of March 14 prepared by Chairman Kravitz was moved to be presented and accepted to serve as the Minutes of the March 14th meeting by Moore and Seconded by VonBokkelen. **APPROVED.**

Sinnott indicated that he is working on completeing minutes from the two prior meetings

2. Updates on Priority Legislation

RPC Legislative Tracking Table Mr. Moore distributed the updated tracking table he has been sheparding. He reviewed the changes; Mr. VonBokkelen had several questions about the status of several bills. Status of RPC priority legislation was review (HB 1196, SB333, HB1660, HB1141, SB345, SB334, SB374, 342, HB11`61, SB364, HB1602)

NHARPC Legislative Tracking – no comment of action.

(Attached)

3. SB 146 – Considering next steps

Suggested next steps discussed were as follows:

- RPC prepare a white paper to identify and document concerns identified including neighborhood density, parking and water quality concerns and identify remedies; review draft whie paper with SB146 proponents to ensure veracity of concerns.
- Use Hampton letter and Portsmouth feedback in preparing white paper
- Conduct training/workshop for communities in September;
- Update RPC model ADU ordinance to comply with SB146
- LPC waits for feedback from SB 146 proponents and RPC workshop before soliciting support for an ADU amendment

4. Continued discussion: Economic Development theme for 2016 Legislative Forum

Members discussed what the legislative “angle” would be for a forum focused on Economic Development. Laws pertaining directly to ED were raised including Enterprise Zoning, TIF enabling, alternative energy local tax abatement, regional tax revenue sharing.

A rough topic agenda was discussed:

- Review the existing set of laws and tools (DRED?)
- Review the set of problems communities face (Local EDD?)
- Define the mismatch between tools needed and deficiencies what is available

Potential panelists were discussed:

- Laurel Bistany to represent regional ED perspective
- Phil Wilson to represent small community interest in ED (tax base diversification)
- Jeff Rose (or other from DRED) to represent state perspective
- Don Marshall/CIBoR – Private interest promoting consistency between community planning and ED planning
- Tim Noonis Unitil – Utility Infrastructure need?

5. Recommendation for RPC Bylaw change re: Legislative Policy Committee as Standing Committee

Draft language to include the Legislative Policy Committee as a standing committee was discussed; Sinnott to draft changes for review at next meeting.

6. Next meeting: June 13th; agenda: legislative wrap up; forum; bylaws

7. Adjourn: meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Prepared by:

Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director