

MINUTES

RPC Legislative Policy Committee

May 22, 2017

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

RPC Conference Room

Attending: Barbara Krevitz (Hampton), Chair; Tim Moore (Plaistow); James VanBokkelen (South Hampton); Peter Merrill (Kensington).

Staff: Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director

1. Minutes of January 23, 2017 & March 12, 2017

The minutes of January 23 and March 12 were reviewed. T. Moore moved adoption of the minutes for January 23; J. VanBollelen seconded. SO VOTED, P. Merrill abstained. T. Moore moved adoption of the minutes for March 12; B. Kravitz seconded. SO VOTED, P. Merrill and J. VanBokkelen abstained.

2. Latest Bill tracking spreadsheet update

Copies of T. Moore's tracking updated spreadsheet, were distributed. Tim explained he continued to update the version emailed the week before. Only bills that survived the legislative process to date remain listed on the spreadsheet. Rep. Messner's bills regarding groundwater contamination and drinking water were reviewed in particular in light of the possible subject of the Legislative Forum. Cliff has sent support letters for SB185 (extending 79-E provisions for investing in vulnerable coastal properties) and SB170 re local broadband investment bonding. Sinnott will send letter on HB225 and HB238 is timely to do so. Notes on specific bills:

HB 86: passed: ZBAs will need technical assistance/guidance in adjusting to this

HB225: we were to write a letter opposing but not clear why we took this position; need better understanding of the bill

HB342: J. VanBokkelen will follow up on what this bill would do to NHDES

SB117: Bill likely to pass but with unknown appropriation.

SB170: RPC should be prepared to support when it emerges next session.

3. Update from Members on remaining Bills they are tracking – included in discussion of item 2. above

4. Report on NHARPC Legislative Breakfast

Tim and Cliff reported on the Legislative Breakfast. While scheduled to coincide with a full session day, the House had cancelled the session due to the lack of a budget to work on. That meant that traffic was very light. Through still useful for visibility few legislators from the RPC's region were there.

5. Discussion on 2017 Legislative Forum proposed topic: 'water supply protection'

Committee members discussed the topic for the Legislative Forum this coming November. Consensus was that it should focus on groundwater supply protection, including both public supplies and private wells, but the topic will need to be developed further to have sufficient focus.

James offered to write up and distribute a topic brief to further define what could be taken up at the Forum. Also, it was decided for the July or August Committee meeting to invite Brendon Kernen, Rep. Messner and ?? Miller who would likely be participants in the Forum.

6. Next meeting: June 28th, 4:30PM, prior to Executive Committee.

7. Adjourn

Minutes submitted by:

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Executive Director*