



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday July 23, 2024

5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Peter Zamore, Bob Buermann, Harold Garrett, Kirk Waite, Barclay Morris, Andy Alling

1. Adjustments to the Agenda and Public Comment

There were no adjustments to the agenda and no public in attendance.

2. Executive Director Updates: hiring, Energy Plan, committees

C. Dimitruk announced Cliff Jenkins, the new project manager for water quality and noted that he will begin work October 1st. She provided an update on the regional energy plan, noting that there may not be the necessary super majority in attendance at the July Board meeting, necessitating a delay on the vote until a later meeting. Kirk asked whether the public hearing can still be held, and yes it can still be held. The vote will remain on the agenda in case we do have the necessary attendance. The Executive Committee discussed committee assignments for FY 25.

3. Healthy Roots Collaborative- transition update

C. Dimitruk reported that the staff transitioned to CVOEO on Monday. NRPC will need to retain ownership of the equipment purchased by EDA, but will do a long-term agreement with CVOEO. Two of the three open grants were advance payments and the remaining balance will be transferred once all invoices are cleared. The third grant is with the state of Vermont and we have started the process of transferring that grant to CVOEO.

4. July Board meeting Agenda, future speaker topics

C. Dimitruk reported that agenda items include the energy plan, committee assignments and TPI work program. Committee members liked the suggestion to do a legislative overview and a discussion on the St. Albans growth center planning. Committee members identified future topics for the Board including drivers of Vermont's future success in areas such as working lands and housing. Ideas included VLC, VCRD other RPCs or similar organizations. Other suggestions included an equity and inclusion speaker, such as the Land Access and Opportunity Board, Clayton Clark from GMT, Trans for rail and air updates, and looking to last year's list for ideas.

5. Member and staff announcements

Kirk noted that when traveling in Alaska he noted the added expense and difficulty of discarding old unwanted items was readily apparent and it is something to keep in mind as disposal costs increase.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.