



Bennington County Regional Commission

Annual Meeting – May 10, 2012

Wilburton Inn – Manchester Village, Vermont

Minutes

Present: See attached list

The meeting began with a social hour at 5:00 PM.

Following dinner, Elizabeth Miller, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service, spoke on several important recent developments and issues facing the state. She provided information on the recently adopted Vermont State Comprehensive Energy Plan, the status of the Vermont Yankee case, the proposed CVPS/GMP merger, and the potential acquisition of VELCO.

Questions and comments dealt with escalating electric costs in Vermont relative to other states, the need for greater state support for renewable energy projects, and Vermont Yankee.

Election results were announced by Suzanne dePeyster. The following were elected by a majority vote of commissioners:

- Chair – Daniel Monks
- Vice-Chair – Walter Freed
- Treasurer – Suzanne dePeyster
- Secretary – Ed Shea
- Interest Group/At-Large Commissioners: John Broderick (Housing), Susan Beal (Local Food/Agriculture), Bruce Lierman (Transportation), Joseph Madeira (Arts/Creative Economy), Chris Morrow (Local Business), Economic Development (Peter Odierna), Conservation (Shelly Stiles)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Freed and a second by Commissioner Squires, a resolution authorizing the officers to sign bank instruments and authorizing access to account information by Executive Director, James Sullivan, and Bookkeeper, Collette Galusha, was passed unanimously.

The 2012 Bongartz Award for excellence in community planning was presented by Daniel Monks to Jed Rubin of Rupert. A special staff recognition award was presented to Jim Henderson for his dedicated efforts during the Tropical Storm Irene response.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
James Sullivan