

Wantastiquet Subcommittee Meeting

Windham Regional Commission

April 28, 2011

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Attendees: Chris Company, Norm Wright, Beverly Major, Peter Barrett, Donna M. Drouin, Dan Marx, Mary Louise Montgomery, Susan Lawson-Kelleher

- 1) Introductions: Each committee member introduced his/herself and provided professional and personal background.
- 2) Reports by CRJC Commissioners: Commissioners provided updates on recent CRJC meetings, including the anticipated budget. It was agreed that the subcommittees are at the heart of the CRJC – the eyes and ears of the Commission at the local level- and that this and the other subcommittees should continue to function and be strengthened. It was also agreed that all towns within the region should be contacted to inform them that the committee is still active, and that any vacancies should be filled.
- 3) Old business: none.
- 4) Review of New Hampshire and Vermont Floodplain Ordinances: The value of the model state ordinances was discussed. It was agreed that the models have value, but that each town would need to adapt the models to their own ordinances; they should not be adopted wholesale. There were questions about how broadly these ordinances had been distributed. Each committee attendee agreed that they would forward the model ordinance to the appropriate committee or board in their respective town for further consideration. The Windham Regional Commission will forward the model Vermont ordinance to those towns that do not yet have a floodplain ordinance in place. A committee member from New Hampshire wondered if the Shoreline Protection Act might cause some municipalities to defer adoption of a floodplain ordinance.
- 5) Permits:
 - a. 182 Mountain Road, Chesterfield, NH – Emergency Authorization Verification: No comment as the deadline for implementation was April 29th. The committee agreed that a letter should be sent to NH ESWB requesting that the follow-up application be sent.
 - b. Windham Solid Waste Management District, Brattleboro, VT – ANR Water Quality Division: no comment as the deadline for comments would soon pass.
 - c. Maple Valley Ski Area, Dummerston, VT – Draft Indirect Discharge Permit ID-9-0238: No comment as deadline for comments would soon pass.

The Committee agreed that a letter should be sent to the respective Vermont agencies stating the following:

- Receipt of these applications is a new process; what are agency expectations of the CRJC Subcommittee.
- The information sent contained insufficient information about the projects. In the case of the WSWMD application, it is stated that the application is on file and may be

inspected at the VANR. What additional information can be sent, and in what format (i.e. digital)?

- We would like copies of blank applications to know what information applicants are to provide.

The Committee also agreed that a future topic of discussion is what process it should follow in the review of these permits in the future.

- 6) New Business: The committee agreed to meet quarterly, unless a permit warranted a meeting during the interim period. Norm Wright asked the committee's opinion about having the Regional Planning Commissions' use CRJC funds to staff the subcommittees. There was unanimous support for this proposal.
- 7) The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.