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November 16, 2009

Bristol Town Hall, Burnside Building

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM. Attendees: Joe Depasquale, Andy Teitz, Diane Williamson, Andy Shapiro, Joe Fraioli, Bob Palumbo

The first order of business was to approve the latest amended version of the Consortium's bylaws. Diane Williamson asked that the bylaws be approved and Joe Fraioli seconded the motion. The full committee agreed to recommend approval and asked Diane to send the bylaws in a black and white format to the Consortium members electronically. The Consortium membership would vote on this final version at the December 7, 2009 meeting.

The discussion then centered on the scope of work to be completed by Attorney Andy Teitz. Andy stated that almost all corporate work has been completed and that he will spend a significant amount of time on the work provided by the Roger Williams University law students and their mentors. One of the students is researching siting issues and the other student is researching choice of entity issues for the Consortium. Andy feels confident that both students with his help will be able to present their findings in a detailed fashion to the Consortium at the December 7, 2009 meeting. There was also a question regarding the need for further student involvement after December 31st. It was agreed that additional funds beyond the current grant would be needed to pay for this activity.

The question again was asked regarding the cost of legal work provided by Attorney Teitz. Mr. Teitz explained that he has already devoted \$3,100 of his time as of mid-November and that he will need approximately a total of \$7,000 to \$10,000 from his September 30th billing to the end of December to complete his work. The committee was concerned about the amount of legal expenses involved and was unsure on how to give Mr. Teitz the ability to proceed. Yet, work with the students needed to be completed before the next full Consortium meeting on December 7th. It was decided that the proposal submitted to the committee for his services would be capped at \$7,000 and that they would recommend approval by the full membership on December 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.