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November 2, 2009

Library Board Room

Roger Williams University

Meeting called to order at 8:50 a.m. List of attendees:

Anne Wolff Lawson, Lee Arnold, Dennis Culberson, Joe DePasquale, Allan Klepper, Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, Robert Palumbo, Garry Plunkett, Andy Shapiro, June Speakman, Andy Teitz, Christine Weglowski Forster, Doug Smith, Joe Fraioli, John Stout, Barbara Grota, Jerry Dauterive.

Call to Order made by Lee Arnold. Roger Williams University guests were introduced: John Stout, Dean of the School of Continuing Studies, Barbara Grota, Assistant Dean of the Gabelli School of Business and Jerry Dauterive, Dean of the Gabelli School of Business. Dean Stout summarized the transition of the Institute for Public Policy to the Institute for Leadership and Public Service. Asst. Dean Grota will manage the oversight of the Institute for Leadership and Public Service and Anne Wolff Lawson will now report to her. Asst. Dean Grota reiterated that RWU remains involved with the East Bay Energy Consortium and will honor its commitments. June Speakman clarified that she is now solely here in her capacity to represent Barrington.

Minutes from the 10/5 meeting were reviewed and motion (DePasquale/Plunkett) accepted and approved with corrections:

1. Joe Fraioli's name was added to the list of attendees at the October 5th meeting
2. The last sentence in paragraph 3 will now read "*Discussion followed regarding the need for the executive session which resulted in approving a motion (DePasquale/Gump) to waive the Executive Session. The motion passed.*"

Legal Committee Update: The Legal Committee met on 10/19 and Andy Teitz drafted bylaws which were distributed prior to today's meeting. Lee Arnold suggested going through each article and revising them that way. It was determined that the changes made to the bylaws will be discussed at the next Legal Committee meeting and the overall EBEC group will review on December 7th.

Joe DePasquale led the bylaws review and discussion. Suggested changes were emailed to Anne Wolff Lawson before the meeting by Wayne Barnes, Joe Fraioli, and Garry Plunkett. These suggestions, along with additional topics were discussed during the bylaws review.

- Narrow or Wide-Ranging Energy Focus: Discussion followed on whether or not the language in the document should be narrowly focused on renewable wind energy systems or a wider focus on renewable energy systems.
- EBEC Membership: Another item of discussion was the suggestion to allow the Navy and other nonprofit entities to join EBEC. This could be advantageous since certain organizations may have the land and location for a renewable energy system.
- Voting Members and Alternates: the current arrangement was ok'd. Each municipal member has one voting member and three alternates.
- There is no language in the bylaws with regard to any municipality opting out of the group. This will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- Andy Teitz agreed with the overall defined voting structure. He reminded everyone that the bylaws are subject to approval by the RI Attorney General. He also added that any further suggested edits, discussion, etc. wait until the next EBEC meeting on December 7th.
- Dean Dauterive confirmed RWU's participation with EBEC via Anne Wolff Lawson's administrative support. Joe DePasquale added that EBEC could not have arrived at this point without the help and support of RWU.

Budget Committee Update: Joe DePasquale volunteered to discuss recent Budget Committee activity.

- The committee has reviewed the revised billing submission from Andy Teitz. Further discussion will take place at the next Budget Committee meeting, which will take place on a date and time to be determined.
- The Arnold Group recommended that the terms of the budget for legal counsel be reexamined with both a timeframe and dollar limit in mind.

Technical Committee Update: Andy Shapiro discussed recent Technical Committee activity.

- Contract negotiations with ASA are underway and have taken longer than expected but are not signed electronically.
- Andy Shapiro asked for any questions to be directed to Anne Wolff Lawson regarding town electricity, land maps, energy loads, etc.
- Joe DePasquale asked if any towns present are working on other wind energy projects. Doug Esmond from Portsmouth responded that they are

looking into options but have nothing official to report. Joe DePasquale suggested that other projects should be disclosed so collaborative efforts could emerge.

New Business:

- Arnold Group contract soon to expire with Roger Williams University. Continued funding will be considered by the EBEC Budget Committee.
- Arnold Group will be meeting with grant funding organizations in November. Meetings with Julian Dash (RIEDC Renewable Energy Fund) and Jenny Pereira (Rhode Island Foundation) will be lined up to keep them apprised of our activities.
- Navy contract has been confirmed by Mayor Napolitano.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at Roger Williams University at 8:30 a.m. in the Library Board Room.

Motion (Plunkett/DePasquale) to adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Anne Wolff Lawson, Roger Williams University.