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October 19, 2009

Bristol Town Hall, Burnside Building

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM. Attendees: Diane Williamson, Walter Burke, Phil Hervey, Wayne Barnes, Joe DePasquale, Lee Arnold, Bob Palumbo, Andy Shapiro, June Speakman

Phil Hervey distributed a draft EBEC budget for discussion. Three changes were immediately addressed:

The cash match for the grant was changed from \$8,000 to \$11,000. Diane Williamson agreed to follow-up with those municipalities who have yet to send in their funds.

The cost of the pre-feasibility study was changed from \$30,000 to \$31,500.

Added to the budget was the cost of \$100 for the EBEC letterhead design.

The next discussion centered on the receipt of a bill for \$6,210 for legal services rendered by attorney Andy Teitz. Several members voiced concern regarding the cost of legal services and the lack of a formal agreement between the Consortium and Andy Teitz. Joe DePasquale led a discussion on this matter and a decision was made to address this issue directly with Andy Teitz. Andy would be in attendance at the legal committee meeting which would begin at 12:00 PM.

Discussion then addressed the status of the Arnold Group beyond December 31, 2009 at which time the company's contract with Roger Williams University would terminate. Lee Arnold stated that the company would submit a proposal to the Consortium for the time period, January 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010 for continued services at the same rate now charged to RWU (\$11,280).

Bob Palumbo asked June Speakman to report on the status of Roger Williams University's support for the Consortium in that the Institute for Public Policy was to be dissolved. June stated that the University was moving in a different direction as the Public Administration programs would now come under the auspices of the University's Business School and that a Leadership Development Program would be initiated. However she affirmed that the University should meet its obligations under the current Memorandum of Agreement and that she was meeting with the Assistant Provost on October 22nd to confirm this understanding.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.