

MINUTES
RPC Legislative Policy Committee
January 23, 2017 ** 4:00 PM **
RPC Conference Room

Attendance: B. Kravitz, T. Moore, F. Chase, J. VanBokkelen; Staff: C. Sinnott
Excused: Francis Chase; Tim Moore

1. Minutes of Jan 9, 2017: VanBokkelen moved to approve the Meeting minutes of January 9; Kravitz seconded.. SO VOTED.
2. Report from Members on LSRs and Bills (based on Tim's Spreadsheet)

Members reported on the bill they were ask to review and report on. (See attached resports)

Francis

(see attached)

Barbara

HB 352: bill not avial.

LSR 353: no bill yet; WATCH

LSR 0472(HB 559):: WATCH

HB 592: watch – no bill yet

HB535: raises net mtering cap fpor municipalities (watch and research) LIKELY SUPPORT

HB 335: regulating noise on small energy systems WATCH

HB 518: eliminates net metering cap but undercut economics of solar by making resale at wholesale rates: OPPOSE; James will monitor

HB4011: James will read and make recc.

HB344: James will read and make recc.

James

HB380: no RPC interest

Hb481: no RPC interest

HB485: emerging contaminants – James to watch

HB486: wetland law revisions – RPC should review; James will monitor

HB359: LCHIP would return 30% of transfer fee top towns; review and tentatively support if uuse of returned funds is for land conservation. Cliff will review. [ITL'd]

HB190: no RPC interest

HB540: no climate change funding accepted for HHS: review & likely OPPOSE if relevant to RPC

HB507: polluter responsibility/liability study committee: WATCH?

HB553 ?? (political advocacy)

HB577: electronic recycling – SUPPORT

HB195: temporary docks – WATCH

HB342: tranfering WQ regularoy from EPA to DES (MS4 State regulatory) WATCH & comment?

SB 30: woodland buffers re regulatory shoreline – WATCH (staff to research & report back)

Francis

HB161: no action needed

Hb118: no action needed

HB123: no action needed

HB131: no action needed

HB 80: mandating energy conservation in state building code: Survey building inspectors for opinion

HB86: re Variances – suggest asking opinion of ZBAs

HB92: re State Building Code: ask opinions of Building inspectors

HB372 re residency: discussed and determined no action needed

HB299 'verified' mail in pace of certified - no action needed

HB495: prohibits amendment of petitioned articles - no action needed

HB258 approval of subsurface disposal systems: research and report

Other Bills Discussed:

SB185: RSA79E extended for coastal properties made more resilient – SUPPORT

HB454- remove OBDII emissions testing requirement: OPPOSE

HB431 – Messmer: Est Commission to study drinking water in Seacoast

HB485 – Messmer: identifying standards for emerging contaminants

SB240- mandates municipal water service connection at cost if well contaminated – potentially problematic – further research

SB 243: Complete streets – SUPPORT RPC submitted letter

HB121: Local option fee increase – SUPPORT

HB621: gas tax rate based on the equivalent miles per gallon of the vehicle: Research and likely SUPPORT

3. Initial Responses/Positions on Legislation

(incorporated in above discussion – positions / recommendations will be added to Tim's tracking sheet))

4. Update on – Transit Preemption

Since last meeting, testimony was submitted recommending distinction between preemption and prioritization. Bogle believes bill will pass out of committee

5. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 Next meeting: February 23 unless need earlier.

Minutes prepared by: Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director