

AGENDA

RPC Legislative Policy Committee

May 22, 2017

**** 4:30 PM ****

RPC Conference Room

1. Minutes of January 23, 2017 & March 12, 2017 *[2 sets of minutes attached]*
MOTIONS TO APPROVE
2. Latest Bill tracking spreadsheet update – *Tim* *[04-20-17 tracking spreadsheet attached]*
3. Update from Members on remaining Bills they are tracking – *All*
4. Report on NHARPC Legislative Breakfast – *Tim and Cliff*
5. Discussion on 2017 Legislative Forum proposed topic: ‘water supply protection’
6. Next meeting:
 - A. Invitation to legislators?
 - B. Actions and agenda items
7. Adjourn

ATTACHMENT 1

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 metering 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 believe 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

ATTACHMENT 2

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RPC Legislative Policy Committee
March 13, 2017 ** 4:00 PM **
RPC Conference Room

Attendance: B. Kravitz, T. Moore; Staff: G. Greenwood

The meeting was called to order by Kravitz at 4:08

1. Minutes of Jan 23, 2017: Moore moved to approve the Meeting minutes of January 23, Kravitz seconded. SO VOTED.
2. Report from Members on LSRs and Bills (based on Tim's Spreadsheet). Kravitz described to Greenwood the spreadsheet that has been prepared for the committee by T. Moore as a tool for tracking proposed legislation of interest to the Planning Commission.

As a response to comments made by an Exeter Commissioner regarding HB 182, the committee discussed the pros and cons of taking a position on the bill which clarifies primacy of a default budget if a Town's proposed budget fails to pass. Since this bill does not speak directly to the responsibilities of the RPC it was determined by the committee that no position should be taken. Kravitz suggested a new section for the RPC website that would enable commissioners to engage in open discussion with one another about a wide range of topics. Such an open digital forum offers an additional mechanism for the vetting of issues by the full commission.

T Moore described briefly changes that will be made to the next iteration of the spreadsheet. Kravitz asked that a notation be added to the information regarding HB 154 that S. Bogle of the RPC has written a letter of support for the bill to the House Committee reviewing the legislation.

Kravitz stated that each year the RPC provides personal or written testimony at the Statehouse for six to eight bills of importance to the Commission.

Kravitz reported on a meeting she had with Nancy Stiles, former state senator regarding the energy and REGGI related legislation proposed on the current docket. As an aside Kravitz related that Stiles recommended sending any correspondence we prepare to the Chairman of the responsible reviewing committee as well as sending copies to each member of the committee. This increases the opportunity for a member to review our letters before the day of the hearing.

The committee determined that legislators should be invited to future legislative policy meetings as a way of raising the profile of the Commission as well as fostering a better understanding of proposed legislation. Possible invitees included regional members of either the house or senate transportation committees, Martha Fuller Clark, Robert Renny Cushing or Dan Innis.

4. NHARPC Legislative Breakfast 4/6/17

The committee talked about the RPC presence at the breakfast and proposed bringing copies of the RPC's Legislative Policies and perhaps a postcard with the Commission's contact and website information. In addition, the committee thought members could think about which legislators to reach out to at the event.

5. Next meeting actions and agenda items

Committee members would like to discuss proposed topics for the 2017 Legislative Forum at the next meeting. Possible topics include MS4 compliance or a roundtable discussion about various water-related topics, perhaps desalination on the NH coast.

Greenwood will send out the attendance list from last year's Legislative Forum to committee members.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 Next meeting: March 27 unless needed earlier.

Minutes prepared by: Glenn Greenwood, Assistant Director

ATTACHMENT 3

016LSR	Category	Bill Number	Bill Category/Description	Prime Sponsor	House/Senate Committee	Next/Last Hearing Date	NHARPC Position	NHMA Position	NHPA Position	NHACC Position	Status	RPC Position	RPC Reviewer	RPC Analysis
2017-0038	Boards, Commissions	HB 86	relative to voting on variances.	James Belanger	House: Municipal and County Government Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	3/8/17	None at this time	Watch	Watch - recommend amendment	Watch	House: Passed / Adopted with Amendment Senate: OTP	Watch	Francis	Cliff to follow up.
2017-0629	Environment	HB195	establishing a committee to study temporary seasonal docks.	John Mullen	House: Resources, Recreation and Development Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	3/28/17	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	Watch	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: In Committee	Watch	James	
2017-0329	Energy	HB225	relative to the information in the electric renewable portfolio standard	Bart Fromuth	House: Science, Technology and Energy Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	4/11/17	Watch	None at this time	Oppose	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: OTP with Amendment; Motion to refer to Finance	Oppose	Cliff to write letter	
2017-0432	Misc	HB238	establishing a committee to study broadband access to the internet.	Carol Roberts	House: Science, Technology and Energy Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	4/27/17	Watch	Watch	Watch	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: OTP with floor amendment	Support	Cliff to write letter	If House passes the bill, we should provide a letter of support to appropriate Senate committee.
2017-0586	Boards, Commissions	HB258	relative to the submission and approval of subsurface sewage disposal system plans.	Dale Sprague	House: Resources, Recreation and Development Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	4/25/17	None at this time	Watch	None at this time	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: In Committee; hearing on proposed amendment	Watch	Francis	Cliff to follow up.
2017-0721	Environment	HB342	establishing a commission to study the transition of certain regulatory authority to the department of environmental services from the Environmental Protection Agency.	Linda Gould	House: Environment and Agriculture Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	4/4/17	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: In Committee	Support	James	Cliff to write letter
2017-0213	Energy	HB352	relative to the energy efficiency fund.	Herbert Richardson	House: Science, Technology and Energy Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	3/21/17	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: OTP	Watch	Barbara	
2017-0249	Environment	HB353	relative to sales of beer in refillable containers.	Kermit Williams	House: Commerce and Consumer Affairs Senate: Commerce	4/25/17	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: OTP with Amendments; refer to Finance	Watch	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: In Committee	

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2017-0481	Environment - Sea Coast	HB431	establishing a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the seacoast area.	Mindi Messmer	House: Resources, Recreation and Development Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	4/20/17	None at this time	Watch	Support	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: OTP with Amendment House concurs with Senate	Watch	Cliff	Not sure why only in seacoast area. Good process.
2017-0538	Right-To-Know	HB460	relative to nonpublic sessions under the right-to-know law.	Chris True	House: Judiciary Senate: Judiciary	4/13/17	None at this time	Watch	None at this time	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: In Committee - OTP with Amendment	Watch		
2017-0553	Environment	HB463	regulating groundwater pollution caused by polluting emissions into the air.	Frank Byron	House: Science, Technology and Energy Senate: Energy and Natural Resources	4/27/17	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	Watch	House: Passed / Adopted With Amendment Senate: IOTP with Amendment	Watch		
2017-0551	Environment	HB507	establish a committee to study the responsibility of a person who through their pollution makes drinking water non-potable.	Frank Byron	House: Resources, Recreation and Development Senate: Energy and Natural	3/28/17	Watch	Watch	None at this time	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: In Committee	Watch	James	
2017-0309	Housing	HB654	relative to short-term and vacation rentals.	Bill Ohm	House: Ways and Means Senate: Ways and Means	4/5/17	None at this time	Watch	Watch	None at this time	House: Passed / Adopted Senate: OTP with Amendment	Watch		
2017-0946	Environment	SB 30	defining woodland buffers and relative to such woodland buffers for the purposes of the shoreland protection act.	Jeb Bradley	Senate: Energy and Natural Resources House: Resources, Recreation and	Exec session 5/2/17	None at this time	Watch	Watch	Watch	Senate: Passed / Adopted with Amendment House: OTP with Amendment	Watch	James	Staff to follow up
2017-0866	Housing	SB 73	relative to septic requirements in conversions to accessory dwellings.	Kevin Avard	Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs House: Resources, Recreation and Development	Exec session 5/2/17	Watch	Watch	Watch	None at this time	Senate: Passed / Adopted House: In Committee	Watch		No updated septic plans required if ADU bedrooms are replacing existing bedrooms.
2017-0962	Housing	SB 94	making a capital appropriation for workforce affordable housing.	Dan Feltes	Senate: Capital Budget	Vote to lay on table pending	Watch	None at this time	Watch	None at this time	Senate: OTP with Amendment; Refer to Finance	Watch		Bill doesn't specify amount of appropriation; don't have enough info to know if this is needed.
2017-0353	Energy	SB116	requiring notice to affected municipalities of energy facility siting.	Ruth Ward	Senate: Energy and Natural Resources House: Science, Technology and Energy	Exec Session 4/11/17	Watch	Watch	Watch	None at this time	Senate: Passed / Adopted House: In Committee - OTP; Senate motion to concur with House Amendment	Watch	Barbara	

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2017-0801	Environment	SB117	establishing the stormwater management and flood resilience fund within the department of environmental services.	David Walters	Senate: Finance	3/9/17	Watch	Watch	Support	None at this time	Senate: OTP with Amendment; OTP Finance Committee - Laid on Table, pending	Support		Sets aside \$400,000 for municipality grants.
2017-0953	Environment	SB127	relative to dissolved oxygen concentration water quality standards.	James Gray	Senate: Energy and Natural Resources House: Resources, Recreation and Development	Exec session 5/2/17	None at this time	Senate: Passed / Adopted With Amendment House: OTP with Amendment	Watch		Standards set, too detailed to properly evaluate.			
2017-0794	Municipal Concerns	SB170	relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of broadband infrastructure.	Jay Kahn	Senate: Public and Municipal Affairs	Senate Vote 3/9/17	Watch	Watch	None at this time	None at this time	Senate: Rerefered to committee after an initial ITL	Watch	Cliff	
2017-0903	Environment - Sea Coast	SB185	extending the community revitalization tax relief program to coastal properties subject to storm surge, sea level rise, and extreme precipitation .	David Walters	Senate: Ways and Means House: Ways and Means	Exec session 5/17/17	None at this time	Watch	Support	None at this time	Senate: Passed / Adopted With Amendment House: In Committee	Support	Cliff	Something we should support.