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AGENDA

Rest of River Municipal Committee
January 21, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Stockbridge Town Office Building Community Room

1. Introductions
2. Review of minutes of Dec. 17, 2015 meeting
3. Updates from BRPC and individual Committee members
4. Pawa Law Group budget amendment
5. Discussion regarding renewal of the Committee's Intergovernmental Agreement
6. Adjournment of Regular Session
7. Executive Session – discussion of legal strategy for probable EPA appeal and appeals court proceedings
8. Adjournment of Executive Session and Meeting

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Meeting Minutes
Rest of River Municipal Committee
January 21, 2016 Stockbridge Town Offices Building

1. N. Karns opened the executive session at 3:07 p.m. with the following Committee members present:
 - Warren Archey, Lenox Select Board
 - Pat Carlino, Lee Select Board
 - Lauren Gaherty, BRPC
 - Nat Karns, BRPC
 - Christopher Ketchen, Lenox Town Manager
 - Jorja Marsden, Stockbridge Town Administrator
 - Jim McGrath, Pittsfield Open Space, Parks and Rec. Dir.
 - Bob Nason, Lee Town Administrator
 - Christopher Rembold, Great Barrington Town Planner
 - Rene Wood, Sheffield via phone

2. Minutes of Dec. 17, 2015

Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by P. Carlino and seconded by W. Archey. The motion passed with W. Archey, P. Carlino, J. McGrath and C. Rembold in favor, and J. Marsden abstaining (Stockbridge was not present at the Dec. 17th meeting). R. Wood did not vote via phone.

5. Adjournment

N. Karns asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Pawa Law firm's advice regarding the appropriate strategy to best protect the Rest of River Municipalities' legal rights regarding the Permit and such discussion, if held in open meeting, may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the Rest of River Municipalities during the pending legal action by GE. As the Agenda for the meeting states, we expect to adjourn from Executive Session and do not expect to reconvene in regular session. P. Carlino so motioned, seconded by C. Rembold. Roll call vote to open Executive Session: W. Archey, Lenox AYE; J. McGrath, Pittsfield AYE; P. Carlino, Lee AYE; C. Rembold, Great Barrington AYE; and J. Marsden, Stockbridge AYE. The motion passed unanimously at 5-0. R. Wood did not vote via phone.

Regular session ended 3:10 pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by L. Gaherty, BRPC.

Meeting materials:

Meeting Agenda 1-21-16
Meeting minutes 12-17-15