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LOCAL ENERGY COMMITTEE

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Local Energy Committee (LEC) Minutes for May 10, 2016 meeting

3:00 PM Nesmith Library

1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM
 - a. Attendees: Pat Manzo, Peter Tousignant, and Mark Kovacs (LEC members)
 - b. Guests: Michael Licata, Director Liberty Utilities' Governmental Relations; Bill Clark, Liberty utilities Business Development Professional and Ralph Valentine, Chairman of WEDC Infrastructure Subcommittee
2. Old Business
 - a. Approved minutes for January 12, 2016, January 20, 2016, and February 16, 2016 as submitted (3-0).
 - b. Since this meeting focused on understanding the current state of Liberty Utilities' petition for franchise authority in Pelham and Windham, Mark Kovacs requested that Mr. Licata and Mr. Clark provide a description of Liberty Utilities' efforts on behalf of this petition and the status of the petition before the PUC. Mr. Licata reported that a hearing before the PUC has been set for May 24, 2016, at 9:00 AM in Concord, NH. In advance of the hearing, Liberty Utilities will be meeting with the PUC technical staff to resolve issues that were raised by the PUC Staff. Mr. Licata and Mr. Clark stated that a representative from the Windham government supporting the petition would be very helpful in obtaining a favorable ruling. They indicated that statements pertaining to natural gas service being part of the Town's development plan and the Town's favorable view towards gas service expansion into Windham would be exceedingly helpful. Mr. Valentine stated that he was aware of multiple, commercial projects being proposed to the Town that would benefit significantly from natural gas service. Messrs. Licata and Clark stated that public comment from the WEDC regarding these development plans would further strengthen the Liberty Utilities petition.

c. Following these discussions, Peter Tousignant moved and Pat Manzo seconded a motion that the LEC request permission from the Board of Selectman to support the Liberty Utilities petition before the PUC on May 24, 2016 for the purpose of granting a franchise to Liberty Utilities for the Town of Windham. Motion passed 3 -0.

4. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 AM.