



**MINUTES**  
**NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**March 16, 2005**

**Members Present:**

John Eresian, Chair, Hollis	Richard Maddox, Hudson
Martin Michaelis, Amherst	Nelson Disco, Merrimack
Becky Ohler, NH DES	Jean-Guy Bergeron, Pelham
Richard Roulx, Merrimack	Tom Collins, Pelham
Robert McFarland, Wilton	Leo Thibeault, Pelham
Bradley Vear, Amherst	Donald Wunderlich, Merrimack
Helen Fenske, Brookline	Karin Elmer, Merrimack
Susan Durham, Hollis	Richard Roulx, Merrimack
Howard Dilworth, Jr., Hudson	Tom Koenig, Merrimack
Suellen Seabury Quinlan, Hudson	Vicky Arico, Merrimack
Thaddeus Luszey, Hudson	Mike Fimbel, Mont Vernon
Robert Kosteki, Hudson	Steve Farkas, Nashua

**Staff Present:**

Steve Williams, Executive Director	Steve Schaffer
Angie Vincent	Matt Waitkins
Carolyn Griffin	Camille Pattison

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Privilege of the Floor**

There were no members of the public in attendance who wished to speak.

**Approval of Minutes - November 17, 2004**

It was moved by Don Wunderlich, seconded by Ted Luszey:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2004  
be approved.

The motion carried unanimously.

**NRPC Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

Steve Williams introduced the Plan as a summary document, stressing that it is a plan for bicycle and pedestrian transportation from point to point. As part of the federal government mandate, the focus is on transportation rather than on bicycle and pedestrian travel for other purposes such as recreation.

After Steve's introduction, Matt Waitkins, Transportation Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Draft Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He also distributed corrected maps of some Merrimack areas. The Plan was then discussed by the group and questions were addressed by Steve and Matt. A primary concern was that the towns need to have more input.

Chairman John Eresian opened the required public hearing. There was no public input received. There was a motion by Helen Fenske to close the public hearing, seconded by Nelson Disco:

THAT a public hearing be closed.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Don Wunderlich, seconded by Rick Maddox :



THAT that consideration of adoption of the NRPC Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan be tabled until the June 2005 meeting and that copies of the plan be provided to the Nashua Board of Aldermen, town Boards of Selectmen and all the Planning Boards for review.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **NRPC Regional Housing Needs Assessment**

Steve Williams then gave a presentation on the draft 2004 Regional Housing Needs Assessment. There was a group discussion of the presentation with Williams answering questions from the group. Following discussion the Commissioners commended Williams and the NRPC staff for producing a very interesting and informative document.

It was moved by Ted Luszey, seconded by Nelson Disco:

THAT the 2004 NRPC Regional Housing Needs Assessment be adopted.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Program Reports**

Williams called on the agency's program managers to present reports on the main agency programs.

Geographic Information Systems - Steve Schaffer, GIS Manager, presented an update on current GIS projects as well as future plans. His discussion included data/mapping quality sources, the goal of accuracy and completeness in GIS work and using a standard set of mapping procedures with more complex analysis and data sharing.

Environmental Program - Angie Vincent, Senior Environmental Planner, discussed the current status of the following programs:

- Lower Merrimack River Corridor Public Outreach and Education Program
- Souhegan River Watershed Management Plan
- Household Hazardous Waste Program
- Brownfields Assessment Program

Transportation Program - Camille Pattison, Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed current transportation studies as follows:

- NH 130 Corridor Study
- Transportation, Community and Systems Preservation Program
- Town of Pelham Intersection Study
- Town of Hudson Intersection Study
- NH 101A Project

Commuter Rail - Steve Williams talked about the latest aspects of the Nashua-Lowell Commuter Rail Project including project description, funding, environmental studies and the next steps to be taken.

The meeting concluded with the Commissioner's Roundtable.



It was then moved by Nelson Disco, seconded by Tom Collins:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen Williams, Official Recorder

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