



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee
January 18, 2006

Present: Kathy Hersh, Vice-Chair
Nelson Disco, Treasurer
Tom Collins
Howard Dilworth, Jr.
Mike Fimbel
Noreen O'Connell
Marilyn Peterman

Staff: Stephen Williams, Executive Director
Kerrie Diers, Assistant Director

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Hersh called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes of December 14, 2005

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Disco and seconded by Collins.
Motion passed unanimously.

III. Finance Report and Balance Sheet for December 2005

Williams distributed the Finance Report for December 2005. Williams explained that the invoices for many projects were sent out in December, bringing NRPC up to date with all project billing.

The December Report shows \$165,0910 in resources for the month and \$112,285 in expenditures for a total of \$53,525 surplus. Williams pointed out that this report shows NRPC's standing at mid-year right about or a little lower than expected: 43.8% budgeted resources received and 44.1% budgeted resources expended.

Williams reviewed the December Balance Sheet, which indicates that current assets are low due to the large amount of outstanding receivables.

IV. Personnel

Betsy Hahn resigned effective January 31, 2006. She will be working for the Preservation Trades Network. Hersh recommended looking at the PTN website for interesting issues related to preservation such as types of mortar used in preservation activities.

V. Legislative Forum

Williams reported that invitations to the Legislative Forum have been mailed out. This year, Attorney Stephen Buckley will speak about the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions. Buckley is the current Chair of the NHARPC, and will update the audience about the development of the organization, and current legislative efforts. After the presentation, the audience will split up into three breakout sessions: Environment, Land Use, and Transportation Funding. The sessions will be facilitated by Kerrie Diers, Steve Williams and Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director at Rockingham Planning Commission. Peterman reported she may have a conflict due to the deliberative session in Amherst.

VI. Legislation for Consideration

Williams distributed the 2006 NHARPC Legislative Session Positions on pending legislation. The Executive Committee agreed to review the list of legislation to determine agreement with the NHARPC position or if NRPC should take another position.



The following is a list of legislation that the Executive Committee commented on:

HB 1301 - NRPC may oppose at a later date when further information is provided

HB 1330 - NRPC would prefer "ordinance" to "resolution" in order to make clear that a public hearing should be required to adopted amended flood insurance maps

HB 1508 - NRPC would oppose as written

HB 1627 - NRPC is opposed to this legislation

Dilworth noted that LCHIP support is a positive goal, however, proposals such as HB 1737 ("Beverage Tax Bill") should be reviewed carefully for wider consequences

Disco noted that HB 1619 is of interest to the Town of Merrimack. This bill should be opposed. The fiscal impact will probably kill this bill due to the large decrease in toll revenue that would result.

VII. Other Business

Hersh reported that one of her observations in assisting with the development of the NHDOT Long Range Transportation Business Plan (LRTBP) is that the State Development Plan is key. There needs to be a State vision set forth in the Development Plan in order for the LRTBP to function. Another observation from the process is that there is strong support for regional planning commissions to provide services to communities. An increase in funding will be necessary to provide those services.

VIII. Next Meeting

The Executive Committee will cancel the February meeting due to the Legislative Form and hold its next meeting on March 15, 2006.

IX. Adjourn

Peterman made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, which was seconded by Dilworth. Motion passed unanimously.