



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee
September 20, 2006

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

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

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hersh at 6:00 pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes of June 21, 2006:

Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Disco, and seconded by Dilworth. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

III. Finance Report and Balance Sheet for September 2006:

Williams discussed the August financial reports. NRPC was (\$16,314) for the month, but is \$68,471 in the positive for the year to date. This is due to our work on grants that pay after the work is completed, such as the hazard mitigation and Pennichuck Brook grants. New contracts that have not been accounted for yet include I-93 CTAP (Community Technical Assistance Program) that will cover Hudson, Litchfield and Pelham, a grant to do trail mapping with the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, and a study for the Broad Street Parkway. Overall, the agency is in good financial shape.

IV. Nominating Committee:

Peterman, Peeples and Fimbel are the nominating committee to nominate a new Executive Committee member to replace John Eresian. They were asked to provide a nomination in time for Commission consideration at the December 20, 2006 meeting.

V. Legislative Committee on the 10 Year Transportation Plan:

Williams provided handouts that show the break down of the projects in the NH DOT 10 Year Plan by each regional planning commission as it currently is programmed and what it might look like under a potential allocation system. Given the breakdown, the rural RPC's would probably be comfortable with such a system, but DOT may not be willing to support this method. This breakdown will be the basis for discussion with the other RPCs. This breakdown would not require a legislative change but would need buy in from the NH DOT, Executive Council and House and Senate leaders.

The discussion points focused on the handouts and members of the Executive Committee commented on their desire to see consensus with the other RPCs in moving forward. Williams explained that this method would probably not require a lot of change in the 10 year process for the Legislature. It is really the difference in who drafts the first round of the 10 Year Plan. This funding would be for the federal funds designated for roads only, and would not apply to the other funding mechanisms that are available for other transportation projects. The next steps will



be that the MPOs in the state will discuss the possibilities with the other RPC directors before approaching the DOT.

Hersh asked what is the percent that can be flexed for transit within these funds? We need to focus on public transit and should take a leadership role in this.

VI. Hollis-Brookline Circuit Rider:

Diers recounted the actions that NRPC has taken to replace the Hollis-Brookline Circuit Rider. Mark Fougere will be taking over as the planner in Hollis. The Town is very pleased to be working with Mark, and will be contracting with him directly as of October 1 instead of through NRPC. Angela Vincent will be returning to NRPC at the beginning of October and will cover the Brookline contract as part of her duties. Both Towns seem pleased with the solutions proposed to deal with this situation.

VII. Facility Issues:

There were no responses to our request from proposals for a Realtor. Williams suggested that we invite Realtors in to come and talk to us about our options, and will be in touch with the members of the committee to schedule those meetings.

VIII. Other Business:

None

IX. Next Meeting:

October 18, 2006

X. Adjourn:

Disco made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peterman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm