



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee
November 15, 2006

Present: Kathy Hersh, Chair
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 October 18, 2006:

Motion to approve the minutes was made by O'Connell and seconded by Fimbel. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

III. Finance Report and Balance Sheet for October 2006:

Williams presented the October financial reports. NRPC was (\$33,792) for the month, but is \$41,983 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 NH HFA Age Restricted Housing Study, Hazard Mitigation Planning 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. Town of Mason:

Williams and Tim Murphy, Executive Director of the Southwest RPC, attended a Mason Board of Selectmen meeting in October. The Selectmen conveyed that they are happy with the service from SWRPC, but believe that the Town has issues that are more related to the Nashua region than the communities in the Southwest region. They are currently in the process of working with SWRPC to complete their Master Plan and CIP, which they anticipate will take another year. They may want to attend an Executive Committee meeting in the next year.

The Executive Committee discussed the various costs we can anticipate with bringing a new community in as a member. The membership dues that we would receive would not cover these costs. The question was raised whether they might remain a member of SWRPC, but contract for particular services from NRPC.

V. Regional Plan and Legislative Forum:

Diers summarized the status of the regional plan. The intent is to keep to the original time frame and have the plan completed by September of 2007. The Executive Committee agreed to the process and time frame. As a result, the Legislative Forum will be scaled back somewhat and the March commission meeting will be held on the 29th with a dinner - retreat with the Commissioners.

VI. Locally Coordinated Transportation Plan:

This plan needs to be adopted at the December Full Commission meeting in order for transit funding to continue. The plan describes funding sources, initiatives and other coordinated



features for transportation. Many of the sections mirror the Regional Transit Plan, but the surveys are new. There are immediate and short term recommendations, action plans for outreach and funding. The Steering Committee who worked on this plan, as well as the TTAC recommends adoption.

The Executive Committee discussed ideas for increasing transit as a reliable mode of transportation in the Nashua region. NTS is looking for increased student ridership, and there will be a bus services to Logan and South Station out of Exit 6.

VII. NHARPC Legislative Priorities:

Williams reviewed the NH ARPC Legislative Priorities for the upcoming legislative season. The NHARPC is working with legislators to introduce legislation about Developments of Regional Impact. The Executive Committee discussed the points of legislation, particularly the need to have a definition or common understanding of the term "workforce housing" and suggested that recycling have a greater importance.

O'Connell moved, and Collins seconded, to accept the NHARPC Legislative priorities and policies with the understanding that recycling be included in the bullet on solid waste, and that more information about workforce housing.

VIII. Other Business:

Nominating Committee requested some suggestions about the desired make up of the Executive Committee. Should it be based on geographic representation?

Fimbel mentioned that NRPC is allowed another representative on NHARPC.

IX. Next Meeting:

December 20, 2006

X. Adjourn:

O'Connell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Collins. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm