



**APPROVED - MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee
August 19, 2009**

Present: Karin Elmer, Treasurer
Janet Langdell
Tom Collins
Mike Fimbel, Chairman
Kathy Hersh (6:20 Arrival)
Joe Torre (6:15 Arrival)
Howard Dilworth

Staff: Kerrie Diers, Executive Director
Tim Roache, Assistant Director

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Fimbel at 6:05 pm.

II. Minutes:

Approval of May 20, 2009 meeting minutes: Langdell moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Elmer. Discussion: Fimbel corrected the fact that he did not motion to approve the May Executive Committee minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Finance Report:

Diers reviewed the June and July finance report. Discussion regarding the potential back log of projects. Diers and Roache explained that there is not a backlog but there are potential projects in the works. There are also projects that have been complete for which NRPC has not been paid. Discussion of the July finance report included a review of the new format. Dilworth stated that the Capital Corridor Rail Project Funds should not be shown as an asset. Diers agreed and said that it would be removed. The estimated losses for the year centered on the recalculation of the indirect rate and the move to Merrimack. Diers discussed the balance sheet and cash flow analysis. Elmer moved to accept the finance report, Langdell second. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Economic Development Strategies Planning:

Diers distributed a memo and map detailing the Economic Development Planning regions in the state and described the status of efforts in and around the NRPC region. Diers explained the City and NRPC's intent to partner with the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation (REDC). Diers explained how the REDC could provide economic development planning services for communities in the region at no cost. Hersh explained Status of Nashua in the Economic Development Process. Langdell discussed the process in Milford. Diers stated the goal is to have the whole NRPC region in one district.

V. Transportation Discussion – Regional Coordinating Council:

Roache described the efforts at the state level to coordinate human service oriented transportation service. This included the actions that have been taken across the state at the regional level. He went on to describe the NRPC role in this process over the last several years. Roache explained that in cooperation with federal process and statewide efforts a Regional Coordinating Council had been formed to address the coordination of human service oriented transportation in the region. It has been recommended at the state level that the RCC



become a standing subcommittee of NRPC. Hersh made a motion to recommend to the full Commission that the RCC become a standing subcommittee of NRPC. Langdell seconded the motion. Dilworth expressed his deep concerns with this action and state he was opposed to this direction. The Executive Committee discussed options to resolve the issues. It was agreed that NRPC would contact DHHS and NHDOT to provide more information at a special meeting in October.

VI. 50th Anniversary Event Planning:

Diers described the current plan for the anniversary celebration. Bob Varney will attend and provide remarks. There will be a presentation of historic photos of the region. The event begins at 6:00 PM at the Crown Plaza in Nashua.

VII. Adjourn

Torre motioned to adjourn and Hersh seconded at 7:45 pm. Motion passed.