



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee
January 17, 2007

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

Staff: Stephen Williams, Executive Director

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Town of Mason:

Two representatives of the Town of Mason attended the Executive Committee meeting to discuss their interest in joining NRPC. Representing Mason were Selectman Chris Guiry, and Selectman Nancy Richards. During discussion the representatives from Mason stated that they were concerned that their town, while small and rural now, could be facing significant growth in the coming years. In addition, they felt that the residents of the town are typical of the Nashua region and that the town relates more to Nashua than it does to Keene. For these reasons the town is considering leaving the Southwest Regional Planning Commission and joining NRPC. In response to questions from members of the Executive Committee the two representatives stated that they didn't have any issue with past services they have received from SWRPC and there were no personality issues driving their decision. They feel that the issues their town will face in the future are more similar to challenges that towns in the Nashua region face, as opposed to those faced by towns in the Southwest region. In response to questions from the Executive commission, Williams stated that he estimated that the cost of bringing Mason in as a member would be \$21,000. This includes costs for updating GIS data sets, updating the regional Travel Demand Model and administrative costs related to developing a new logo and letterhead and printing new business cards.

Following departure of the representatives from Mason the Executive Committee directed the Executive Director to develop options for financial issues resulting from Mason coming into membership if that is what happens.

III. Approval of the Minutes of December 20, 2006:

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Disco and seconded by O'Connell. Motion passed.

III. Finance Report and Balance Sheet for December 2006:

Williams presented the December financial reports. NRPC was +\$22,015 for the month, and +\$56,520 for the year to date. The agency is in good financial shape. Williams and members of the staff will begin working on issues related to changes in our approach to reimbursement for indirect costs during January and February.



VII. Other Business:

There was brief discussion of an email from John Eresian suggesting that NRPC invite former Executive Director Andrew Singelakis to come address planning issues in the region. Members stated that they appreciated the suggestion but did not view it as a priority.

IV. Next Meeting:

Williams reminded members of the Executive Committee about the Legislative Forum on January 25. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2007.

IX. Adjourn:

Fimbel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Disco. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.