



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee
May 14, 2008

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Present: Kathy Hersh, Chair
Tom Collins
Howard Dilworth
Nelson Disco
Karin Elmer
Noreen O'Connell

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

Guest: Brad Vear

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Facility Search:

Williams reviewed the facility search situation and the circumstances that necessitated this emergency meeting of the Executive Committee. With the loss of the Main Street opportunity, we need to reevaluate the options. Vear and Williams investigated the currently available properties and determined that a property on Ledge Street in Nashua was one recent addition to the market worth investigating. Williams summarized the "Comparison of Facility Costs" spreadsheet.

Elmer commented that we were willing to pay a higher cost on Main Street due to the location, but the Ledge Street property did not have the same characteristics meriting the higher cost. Disco stated that he would like to see NRPC stay in Nashua but the location on Ledge Street was not suitable. Hersh asked if there might be other downtown locations that might come on the market in the near future. Vear explained that one of NRPC's highest priority needs is adequate parking for both staff and visitors, which limits the space available in the downtown to very expensive office space or industrial space.

Disco stated that staff concerns for amenities is also important and that the Executive Park Drive presents more choices for restaurants and other needs such as banking than the other locations.

Williams reviewed the FY 09 preliminary budget that showed the difference between Executive Park Drive and Ledge Street. Hersh asked about the option of remaining in the current location to see if additional opportunities arise. Dilworth commented that the Executive Park building might be more compatible since the uses are all office.

Vear suggested that the Executive Committee revisit the Harris Pond option since it is the middle option between Executive Park Drive and Ledge Street. The Committee requested that staff conduct site visits of both the Executive Park Drive and Harris Pond and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the May 21 meeting.

III. Other Business:

Dilworth recommended an audit firm for consideration.

V. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm