



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting
December 17, 2008

Present: Noreen O'Connell, Chair
Mike Fimbel, Vice-Chair
Karin Elmer, Treasurer
Howard Dilworth
Kathy Hersh
Suellen Seabury
Joe Torre

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

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by O'Connell at 6:10 pm.

II. Minutes

Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2008 meeting: Hersh moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Torre. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. November Finance Report:

Will be available for review at the next meeting.

IV. Midyear Budget Review

Williams presented the Midyear Budget Review beginning with Resources side of the budget. There were some grants that were not as high as we expected, however we received other grants such as the Safe Routes to Schools and carried over more funding that we expected from the previous fiscal year. On the Expenses side, the personnel line item is lower in both the Direct and Indirect categories due to an error which had doubled the amount we estimated for benefits. Overall, the budget is in good shape for this year's budget.

With respect to next year's budget, the State Agency funding through the Office of Energy and Planning, Department of Environmental Services, and the NH DOT are all included in the budget that was submitted to the Governor. The Executive Directors are meeting with the Commissioners of the three agencies to help show support for the budget.

V. 50th Anniversary Celebration:

Williams discussed ideas for celebrating NRPC's 50th Anniversary. NRPC was first established on September 9, 1959 and was the first RPC in the state. The enabling legislation is modeled after the NRPC incorporating language. The ideas that we have for celebrating the anniversary include updated letterhead with the 50th anniversary logo, a series of short reports on how the region has changed and what impact NRPC has had on the region throughout the last 50 years, and produce a few NRPC TV retrospectives. We would like to hold a formal event on September 9, 2009 at a venue in the region with guests and a keynote speaker to commemorate the occasion. We anticipate using the Legislative Forum to kick off the festivities, perhaps a proclamation from the Governor. The issues and priorities in 1959 included a bridge across the river and more coordination with a planned rail station in Nashua.



VI. Other Business

Hersh reported that the Nominating Committee approached potential candidates and are still working on a nomination. Representatives might be good from Hollis, Brookline, Amherst or Mason. The Committee will continue to work to fill the vacancy left by Nelson Disco.

VII. Next Meeting – Due to the Legislative Forum Event, the regular meeting scheduled for January 21, 2009 will be cancelled unless there is a specific reason to meet.

VIII. Adjourn

Elmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, seconded by Fimbel.