



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Executive Committee
March 18, 2009

Present: Karin Elmer, Treasurer
Tom Collins
Kathy Hersh
Suellen Seabury
Joe Torre

Staff: Stephen Williams, Executive Director
Tim Roache, Principal Transportation Planner

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Williams at 6:37 pm.

II. Election of Chair Pro Tem:

Elmer moved and Torre seconded that Hersh should serve as the chair pro tem in the absence of the Acting Chair Mike Fimbel. Motion was approved.

III. Minutes:

Approval of February 18, 2009 meeting minutes: Elmer moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Seabury. The motion was approved with one abstention.

IV. February Finance Report:

Williams reported that a February finance report was not available. The Executive Committee voted to keep the FY10 dues the same rate as the FY09 dues based on the economy.

V. Consideration of Approval of the FY08 Audit:

The FY08 Audit had previously been reviewed with the auditor at the February meeting. There was no further discussion on the audit. Torre moved and Collins seconded to approve the FY08 Audit. Motion passed.

VI. Nominating Committee Report:

Hersh, Torre and Collins reported that the Nominating Committee would be submitting nominations for Peter Baker of Hollis and Janet Langdell of Milford to the Executive Committee.

VII. FY07-08 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment:

Williams informed the Executive Committee that there were two new projects that needed to be amended into the FY07-08 UPWP. Both will be completed using FTA funds. One will utilize \$28,000 in federal funds to develop a transportation vision for City of Nashua. The others will use \$90,000 in federal funds to prepare several products for the Nashua Transit System. Moved by Collins, seconded by Torre to approve the proposed amendment to the FY07-08 UPWP. Motion passed.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business.

IX. Consideration of Amendment to FY2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program

- a. Staff Presentation – Roache reported that several amendments were necessary to the FY2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Several projects were added or amended to take advantage of the opportunity to secure stimulus package funding. The full cost of the Lowell-Nashua-Manchester rail project was added. In addition some statewide maintenance and preservation items were added. Also the Amherst Town Hall Transportation Enhancement project is proposed to be advanced from FY2010 to FY2009. Due to the addition of potential funding for the rail project, an Air Quality Conformity analysis was required and was included in the packet. Roache also called the attention of the Executive Committee to the written comments on the TIP amendment that had been received and were distributed at the meeting.
- b. Public Hearing – Following Roache’s report, Hersh opened the public hearing on the TIP amendment at 7:05 pm. Several members of the public spoke.
 - Peter Deerness (Goffstown) – spoke in support of the rail project and suggested that we consider high speed rail.
 - Sam Langley (Boscawin) – spoke in support of the rail project and suggested that we seek funding through the intercity rail funding in the stimulus package. He encouraged NRPC and DOT to get to work putting together a really competitive application for funding.
 - Gene Harrington (Londonderry) – Identified himself as an environmentalist who was strongly in support of the rail project.
 - James Vayo (Nashua) – stated he supported the rail project and encouraged NRPC to carry out a public input process using the OEP smart growth public input process.
- c. Executive Committee Consideration – Hersh closed the public hearing at 7:30 pm. Seabury moved and Torre seconded to approve the proposed amendment to the FY2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. Motion passed.

X. Adjourn

Torre moved to adjourn and Seabury seconded at 7:35 pm. Motion passed.