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Merrimack, NH – Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – The Nashua Regional Planning Commission announces that A. John (Jay) Minkarah starts as its new Executive Director today.

“The Commission is pleased to bring Jay Minkarah on board as Executive Director, not only because of his vision and passion for planning and the region,” said Susan Ruch, Chair of the Commission, “but because of his many years of demonstrated successes across the region, including in Merrimack, Nashua, and Manchester, as well as at the NRPC.”

Minkarah, who is well known and respected within the New Hampshire planning community, has a wide range of planning, economic development and management experience, which will serve the Commission and its community members well. Minkarah was appointed at the Commission meeting on September 21, 2017.

Minkarah started his career as an NRPC Regional Planner and was with the organization for approximately 8 years. Minkarah previously served as the Community Development Director for the Town of Merrimack, Economic Development Director for the City of Nashua’s Community Development Division, and the Economic Director for the City of Manchester. Most recently, Minkarah has served as the President and CEO of DevelopSpringfield, the private non-profit development partner for the City of Springfield, MA.

Jay earned a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jay subsequently earned a Juris Doctor from The University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center) in Concord, NH.

On a related note, the Commission commends Jennifer Czysz for her service as Interim Executive Director from July to October 2017. “Czysz’s stewardship of the organization over the past three months has been professional, passionate and productive,” said Ruch. “The Commission’s most important resource is its people, and Czysz has not only guided and supported staff throughout this transition period, but has done so in exemplary fashion.” Czysz will continue as Assistant Director.

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission was NH’s first regional planning commission, established in 1959, and is authorized by NH statute to lead and support the orderly development of the region. The Commission serves as a resource to support its member communities on a wide range of planning topics. Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham and Wilton are the region’s member communities. Please visit <http://www.nashuarpc.org/> to see the 2014 Regional Plan and to learn more about how the NRPC works for you.

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