



MINUTES
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
June 19, 2002

Members Present:	Marilyn Peterman, Chairman, Amherst	Suellen Seabury Quinlan, Hudson
	Frank Bolmarcich, Vice-Chairman, Nashua	Jean Weston, Merrimack
	Diane Nilsson, Treasurer, Wilton	Nelson Disco, Merrimack
	Paul Wenger, Amherst	Duncan Morrill, Merrimack
	John Eresian, Hollis	Donald Wunderlich, Merrimack
	Frank Ballou, Hollis	Bill Parker, Milford
	Leonard Smith, Hudson	Vicky Arico, Mont Vernon
	Howard Dilworth, Jr., Hudson	Becky Ohler, NH DES
	Doris Ducharme, Hudson	
Others Present:	Sarah Pillsbury, NH DES	Allan Fuller
Staff Present:	Andrew Singelakis	Shirley Vance
	Ray Guarino	John Vogl
	Steve Heuchert	Steve Williams
	Koren Melfi	
	Angie Rapp	

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Privilege of the Floor

There were no members of the public in attendance who wished to speak.

Introduction of New Members

The Chairman introduced and welcomed new members of the Commission including Frank Ballou from Hollis, Suellen Seabury Quinlan from Hudson and Donald Wunderlich from Merrimack.

Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2002

It was the moved by John Eresian, seconded by Howard Dilworth:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2002
be approved.

The motion carried with Nelson Disco, Duncan Morrill, Frank Ballou, Suellen Seabury Quinlan, and Becky Ohler abstaining.

At this point, Andrew Singelakis presented Ray Guarino with a personalized pen marking his 10 years with the NRPC and thanked him for a job well done. He then presented Marilyn with a gift acknowledging her tenure as Chairman for the past two terms. Marilyn thanked Andrew and the Executive Committee as well as Commissioners and said that it had been her pleasure to serve.

Nominating Committee Slate

John Eresian and Diane Nilsson served as the Nominating Committee and proposed the following slate of officers for FY 2003:

Chair	-	Frank Bolmarcich
Treasurer	-	Diane Nilsson

A nomination for Vice-Chairman was tabled at this time and will be reconsidered at the meeting on August 21, 2002. It was then moved by Lenny Smith, seconded by Bill Parker:

THAT the slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee be approved.

The motion carried with Donald Wunderlich abstaining.

FY 2003 Budget and Work Program

Andrew reviewed the proposed work program and budget which includes hiring an additional staff person to assist with GIS and transportation related work. Marilyn Peterman added that the Executive Committee had recommended approval of the budget and work program as proposed. Local dues are used as matching funds for several transportation-related projects. She suggested that as representatives to our municipalities, Commissioners should emphasize to their officials how the work of the Commission helps all the towns. They need to be advocates for the NRPC. If anyone ever has questions, please contact Andrew. It was then moved by Howard Dilworth, seconded by Frank Bolmarcich:

THAT the Commission the FY 2003 Budget and Work Program be approved.

The motion carried with Becky Ohler abstaining.

Setting of FY 2004 Dues

Doris Ducharme questioned the amount of local dues paid by Hudson as opposed to other towns. Andrew said that the dues are assessed on a combination of population and equalized assessed valuation. It was then moved by Howard Dilworth, seconded by Frank Bolmarcich:

THAT the Commission approve the setting FY 2004 local dues in the amount of \$132,000.

The motion carried with Becky Ohler abstaining.

Annual Grant and Contract Authorization

On an annual basis, the Commission must affirm that the Executive Director is authorized to file applications, sign contracts and implement the annual work program.

THAT the Executive Director be authorized to file applications with federal, state and local governmental units and agencies to implement the FY 2003 work program of the Commission, and to execute agreements to receive funds for such purposes.

The motion carried unanimously.



STIP Amendment #9

Steve Williams noted that that NH DOT has asked the MPOs to conduct the approval process for State Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #9. This amendment includes four projects that affect the NRPC region:

1. TCSP Project in Amherst, Milford and Wilton. This is the federally funded extension of the NH 101 study. Total project cost is \$247,826 with \$198,261 in TCSP funds.
2. Statewide purchase of buses, equipment and facility improvements using FTA funds.
3. A statewide NHDES educational, testing and assistance program to decrease emissions from heavy-duty diesel vehicles to be funded with CMAQ funds. Total cost of this project is \$20,000
4. A statewide NHDES program to provide reimbursement to transit providers for free transit rides on Air Quality Action Days and associated advertising of the program. Total project cost is \$253,000 in CMAQ funds.

The STIP amendment requires a 30-day public comment period. That comment period has been advertised as beginning on June 17 and ending on July 17. The state allows the MPOs to expedite the process by conditionally approving STIP amendments during the comment period. If significant comments are raised during the comment period, we are required to bring the projects back to the Executive Committee for further consideration at their meeting on July 17. If there is little comment, any action taken tonight will be sufficient. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at their meeting at 3:00 PM on June 19. It was moved by Frank Bolmarcich, seconded by John Eresian:

THAT STIP Amendment #9 be approved.

The motion carried with Lenny Smith opposed.

Guest Speaker: Sarah Pillsbury, NH Department of Environmental Services

Andrew noted that a lot is happening with the water supply issues in our region. We are currently working with Sarah, the NHDES, other regional planning agencies in NH, local water providers, NHDOT, USGS, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to secure funding for a water regionalization and a supply and demand study for Southern NH. He explained a study by the City of Nashua to evaluate its purchase of Pennichuck Water Works and the newly formed Pennichuck Watershed Council.

Andrew introduced Sarah Pillsbury who works for NH DES, Water Division. She said that a Water Supply Study for Southern NH was completed in 1990 which focused on water quantity aspects. The issue now is on water quality protection. She discussed SB 440 which deals with water conservation and permitting and SB 437 dealing with regionalization and emergency preparedness. A seminar will be held in the fall regarding the regionalization of water supplies. Discussion followed on several issues including the sharing of water by water-rich communities with water-poor communities; water supply removed from the Merrimack River; re-visiting the issue of what development is doing to the water supply; etc. There is a meeting being held right now at City Hall to discuss the proposed sale of Pennichuck Water Works. At this point, Andrew introduced Allan Fuller, who has been appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Pennichuck Watershed Council. Allan said that one of the purposes of the Pennichuck Watershed Council is to get communities to work together to protect more of the watershed. Another is to study the issue before a crisis arises. After further discussion, the Chairman thanked both Sarah and Allan for their helpful presentations.



Project Updates

Steve Williams and Steve Heuchert reviewed the transportation and land use reports. There will be a public meeting on June 27 at 7:00 PM at the NH Technical College on the Route 101A Study. Notices will be sent out to over 400 businesses and residences in the corridor.

Commissioners' Roundtable

A Commissioner's Roundtable was held.

It was then moved by Frank Bolmarcich, seconded by Bill Parker:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Singelakis, Official Recorder