



**APPROVED MINUTES  
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
Executive Committee  
October 7, 2015**

<b>Present:</b>	Sarah Marchant
Dave Hennessey, Chair	Tom Young
Karin Elmer, Treasurer	
Jim Battis	<b>Absent:</b>
Dan Kelly	Mike Fimbel, Vice Chair
Susan Ruch	Janet Langdell
<b>Staff:</b>	Tim Roache, Executive Director
	Sara Siskavich, GIS Manager
<b>Others:</b>	Steve Wells, EFAC
	Hal Lynde, EFAC

**1. Call to Order:**

Hennessey called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. He asked Siskavich to bring up NRPC's online GIS which shows that the pipeline route as revised on 9/18/15 now directly crosses his personal property. He asked for the opinion of the EC as to whether he should recuse himself on matters relative to the proposed NED pipeline. Battis pointed out that Full Commission's stance is documented and clearly neutral. Consensus was that it is prudent for Hennessey to recuse himself in order to avoid any perception of NRPC's actions being affected by a conflict of interest.

**2. Comment Letter to FERC**

As the other officer present, Elmer assumed acting chairmanship of the meeting at 6:10. Roache provided a packet for EC members to consider which includes the draft letter as well as public feedback as prompted by NRPC comment cards placed in libraries and at Old Home Days events. Siskavich summarized that the feedback provides a flavor for the general public sentiment which is generally negative for a variety of cited issues. Roache suggested this content, as well as some points submitted by Deb Huffman specific to Merrimack, should be considered for inclusion as an addendum to the white paper, which is out of date at this point (e.g. the white paper does not consider the new route through Amherst and Merrimack). After some discussion, the group affirmed that the whitepaper would be clearly date-stamped and should be included as an attachment to the FERC letter as directed by the Full Commission.

Discussion then turned to the content and format of the letter. Roache reminded the group that the letter in part reflects a distillation of a more lengthy joint technical submission by the affected regional planning agencies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Ruch suggested that throughout, the letter should request that "KM address, quantify, or justify and FERC consider..." the various points being made. Other editorial comments were offered to simplify the language of the letter. Lynde asked if we can assume that Class VI roads bear the same loads as state roads, to which Roache said no, hence the treatment in the letter. Elmer requested that emergency response vehicles be mentioned along with logging trucks in reference to utilization of Class VI roads. Wells asked if the Commission was sympathetic to the positions of affected communities. Several edits were discussed in order to reinforce neutral language as directed by the Full Commission.

Wells asked that the letter request a justification for why the Mason lateral does not use an existing ROW such as Route 31. Elmer's opinion was that the letter should keep to broad, regional impacts. Roache said that the next iteration of the white paper will capture this point as well as some of the points made by Deb Huffman regarding Merrimack.

Discussion turned to the whitepaper and timing of an EFAC reconvening. Roache said we would have to overcome a sentiment of letdown among EFAC members who worked very hard over the spring and summer. Marchant believes the formal application to FERC will catalyze future action.

Marchant made a motion that NRPC's EC further refine the whitepaper according to edits discussed in this meeting and submit to FERC prior to the end of the formal public comment. Second by Young. The motion passed 6-0 with one abstention.

### 3. Update on NRPC Retirement Plan

6:40 pm: Hennessey made a motion to enter into nonpublic Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) to consider or act upon "the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee..." seconded by Kelly. Roll call vote:

Dave Hennessey- yes	Sarah Marchant – yes
Dan Kelly - yes	Tom Young - yes
Susan Ruch - yes	Jim Battis – yes
Karin Elmer – yes	

Kelly made a motion to exit nonpublic Session at 6:55 pm seconded by Battis. Member Roll call vote:

Dave Hennessey- yes	Sarah Marchant – yes
Dan Kelly - yes	Tom Young - yes
Susan Ruch - yes	Jim Battis – yes
Karin Elmer – yes	

6:55 pm: Young made a motion to enter into public seconded by Kelly. All were in favor.

Battis made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session seconded by Young. Roll call vote:

Dave Hennessey- yes	Sarah Marchant – yes
Dan Kelly - yes	Tom Young - yes
Susan Ruch - yes	Jim Battis – yes
Karin Elmer – yes	

### 4. Other Business

There was a brief discussion about status of the strategic planning event. Roache provided an update on the search for a facilitator and details of the venue and schedule. Next meeting will be October 21, 2015.

### 5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Elmer with a second by Hennessey. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:05.