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**Public Hearing for FY 2006 Coastal Program Technical Grant
SRPC Third Quarter Commission Meeting
Vision 2020 Workshop #2
January 20, 2005
Frisbie Community Education & Conference Center
Strafford Room – 7:00 PM
Rochester, NH**

Present: Tom Fargo – Chairman (Dover); Scott Martin (Northwood); Mel Jenkins (Lee); Larry Brown (Milton)

Absent: Todd Brisard (Barrington); Walt Tierney, Frank Frazier (Brookfield); Tony McManus, Otis Perry (Dover); Representative (Durham); Randy Orvis (Farmington); Tom Crosby, Janet Wall (Madbury); Representative (Middleton); Bruce Woodruff, (Milton); Ron Gehl (New Durham); Fred Pearson, (Newmarket); Al Dixon Secretary/Treasurer (Newmarket); Heidi Seaverns, Rolfe Voltaire (Nottingham); Kenn Ortmann, Tom Willis, MaryLou Beaver, Sandy Keans (Rochester); Ed Jansen, Jr. – Vice-Chairman (Rollinsford); Roger Berube, Francis Vincent (Somersworth); Don Rhodes, Ted Huckins (Strafford); George Maglaras (Strafford County); Bobbie Goodrich (Wakefield)

SRPC Staff Present: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director); Gerald Mylroie (Senior Land Use Planner); Casey Poe (Assistant Planner); Matt Tamulis (Assistant Planner); Penny Finnegan (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Ray Varney (Rochester); Lance Powers (Rochester); Nancy Smith (Wakefield)

Proxy Votes: Otis Perry (Dover); Walt Tierney (Brookfield); Tom Crosby, Janet Wall (Madbury); Bruce Woodruff (Milton); Rolfe Voltaire, Heidi Seaverns (Nottingham); Roger Berube (Somersworth); Ted Huckins (Strafford)

1. Call to Order, Welcome – Tom Fargo, Chairman

Chairman Fargo opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state what community or agency they represent. An attendance sheet was distributed for signature. Chairman Fargo noted there was a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2004 and November 23, 2004

Chairman Fargo entertained a motion to approve the September 28, 2004 minutes. Jenkins moved the motion and Brown seconded. The September 28, 2004 minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Fargo entertained a motion to approve the November 23, 2004 minutes. Jenkins moved the motion and Brown seconded. Chairman Fargo and Scott Martin abstained. The November 23, 2004 minutes were approved as written.

3. Public Hearing & Consideration of Coastal Program Technical Grant Proposal-FY06

Chairman Fargo opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. He asked Copeland to give an overview of the New Hampshire 2005 Coastal Technical Assistance Grant table that was distributed.

Copeland stated that the New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP) is funded through the National Ocean and Atmosphere Association (NOAA). In previous years, the NHCP was sited at the Office of Energy and Planning and is now located at the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Zone A communities in the SRPC region include: Dover, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, and Rollinsford. The remaining communities are classified as Zone B and are not eligible to receive funding.

Nancy Smith from Wakefield arrived at 7:10 PM.

Copeland reviewed the table describing the projects, budget and work products. Below are the proposed projects:

- Regional Master Plan Land Use Policies and Implementation Strategies focusing on the Zone A communities
- Master Plan Implementation – Conservation and Resource Protection Program in Rollinsford
- Regional Master Plan Stormwater Drainage Facilities Map in Zone A communities
- Master Plan Implementation – Conservation Projects in Madbury
- Greenways Around the Bay – GPS and data collection in the Zone A communities

Chairman Fargo asked if there were any questions, concerns, or comments. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the NH 2005 Coastal Program Technical Assistance Grant table as presented. Jenkins moved the motion and Brown seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Fargo closed the public hearing at 7:22 PM.

4. Executive Director Update on Financial Status

Copeland summarized the financial statements through the second quarter.

5. Consideration of the Establishment of Regional Impact Committee – Recommended by the Executive Committee

Chairman Fargo directed attendees to the RSA statutes included in the packet. One of the responsibilities of a Regional Planning Commission is to provide timely input to affected communities concerning proposed developments, some of which are likely to have impacts beyond the boundaries of a single municipality. The planning staff is often called upon to review these impacts. Chairman Fargo said that at the last Executive Committee meeting, it was recommended that a Regional Impact Committee be formed.

Copeland said the Executive Committee asked her to find out what the process is in other RPCs. She said Rockingham Planning Commission currently was the only commission that has a Regional Impact Committee and bylaws. Members include the Executive Committee and Commissioners. A quorum consists of attendees at each meeting. A copy of the document was available for viewing. Other RPCs are considering forming committees.

Chairman Fargo entertained a motion to form a Regional Impact Committee to review developments based on a regional level and that a letter be sent out to the SRPC Commissioners asking for volunteers. Jenkins moved the motion and Martin seconded. The motion carried.

Jenkins volunteered to be on the Regional Impact Committee.

6. Vision 2020 Regional Master Plan

a) Overview of Progress and Meeting Schedules

Myloire reviewed the SRPC slide presentation regarding the Vision 2020 Program for updating the Regional Master Plan. The Vision section has been adopted. A technical working group has been formed. It consists of Planning Directors, Planners, Town Administrators, Managers, and Planning Board Members. Several workshops have been held. A survey was developed and was mailed out to Planning Board Chairs.

b) Action Item – Regional Master Plan Vision 2020 – Regional Policy Goals

Myloire directed attendees to the Policy Goals for Discussion/Action. Comments are noted below.

Population, Growth Management, Sustainability, and Livability

- Include other ways to manage growth related to wastewater treatment.

Natural Resources

- Reword to “ensure sustainability to protect community’s natural resources”
- Include trees, vegetated environment, aquatic wildlife, and permit requirements

Land Use

- “Use of land” versus “conserving land”
- Change to style and scale of development, rather than patterns of development

Housing

- Note: There is limited opportunity for people who want to buy a home

Transportation and Mobility

- Use “transportation and multi-modal shall be effective and efficient to move people, goods, and services.”
- Add the words, “mobility and accessibility”

Public Facilities and Services

- Include “post offices, libraries, and town halls

Community Character and Appearance

- Include “architecture and adaptability”
- Add “renovations and rehabilitations of old buildings”

Economic Development and Prosperity

- Use “economic development and prosperity that enables communities and citizens the opportunity to increase their goals and quality of life consistent with regional, local, physical, social and economic development.”

Social and Cultural Development

- No comments

Community Planning, Management and Fiscal Responsibility

- Add a environmental component to this section

c) *Land Use and Regional Patterns of Development*

Tamulis reviewed the Land Use and Property Taxes section of the slide presentation and Poe reviewed the Land Use Patterns. Mylroie summarized the Land Use Matrix. Further discussion ensued regarding fair market value rates, property owners, taxes, and land use patterns.

7. Adjournment

After discussion, no further business came before the Commission. Chairman Fargo entertained a motion to adjourn. Martin moved the motion and Brown seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Penny L. Finnegan
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission on May 26, 2005



Thomas Fargo, Chairman