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SRPC Annual Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 31st 2006-7pm
Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Dover NH

Members Present: Chairman-Tom Fargo (Dover); Vice Chairman-Ed Jansen, Jr. (Rollinsford); Frank Torr (Dover); Bruce Woodruff (Milton); Larry Brown (Milton); Ron Gehl (New Durham); Scott Martin (Northwood); Sandra Keans (Rochester); Kenn Ortmann (Rochester); Tom Willis (Rochester); John Hinsman (Rollinsford); Francis Vincent (Somersworth); Ted Huckins (Strafford) and Rodney Cools (Wakefield).

Members Absent: Secretary/Treasurer-Al Dixon (Newmarket); Todd Brisard (Barrington); Walter Tierney (Brookfield); Frank Frazier (Brookfield); Otis Perry (Dover); Richard Kelley (Durham); Peter Stanhope (Durham); John Law (Farmington); Paul Parker (Farmington); Melvin Jenkins (Lee); William Henze (Lee); Janet Wall (Madbury); Tom Crosby (Madbury); Fred Pearson (Newmarket); MaryLou Beaver (Rochester); Roger Berube (Somersworth); Donald Rhodes (Strafford); George Maglaras (Strafford County); and Nancy Spencer-Smith (Wakefield).

SRPC Staff Present: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director); Gerald Mylroie (Senior Land Use Planner); Tim Roache (Senior Transportation Planner); Dale Abbott (Senior GIS Analyst); Steve Fenstermaker (Office Assistant) and Michelle Beauchamp (Planning Administrator).

Others Present: Paul Esswein (Farmington); Eric Palson (Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture); Denise Woodruff, Alyssa Copeland-Will and Steven Gosselin.

Chairman Fargo called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves. It was noted that there was a quorum.

1. Approval of the September 29th 2005 Minutes.

Kenn Ortmann made the motion to approve the minutes of September 29th 2005 as written. Rodney Cools seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

2. FY 2007 Annual Budget and Work Plan.

Rodney Cools made the motion to approve the FY2007 Annual Budget as presented. Ed Jansen seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

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3. FY 2007 Officers and Executive Committee Members.

Chairman Fargo noted that on May 12th 2006, the following slate of Officers and four members of the Executive Committee were recommended for fiscal year 2007 for consideration and approval of the full Commission:

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| Tom Fargo | Chairman | Dover |
| Ed Jansen, Jr. | Vice Chairman | Rollinsford |
| Al Dixon | Secretary/Treasurer | Newmarket |
| Rodney cools | Executive Committee | Wakefield |
| Kenn Ortmann | Executive Committee | Rochester |
| Tom Crosby | Executive Committee | Madbury |
| Bruce Woodruff | Executive Committee | Milton |

Sandra Keans made the motion to accept the recommendation. Frank Torr seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

4. FY2007 Office Space.

Cynthia Copeland noted that the landlord (Dover Dental) will be expanding. She met with Peter Russell (Real Estate Agent) to find another 2,000 to 2,500 square foot location. After visiting many sites, it was decided that Strafford Regional Planning Commission will move the office operations completely up stairs. She noted that the office will be handicap accessible via a chair lift. She plans to have a three-year contract with Dover Dental. In the meantime, money will be saved for a down payment for a future office.

5. Seacoast metropolitan Planning (re)Organization.

Chairman Fargo noted that the Executive Committees of Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Rockingham Planning Commission are in favor of the realignment of the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization to make them consistent with Strafford and Rockingham County boundaries. This would separate the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Bruce Woodruff made the motion to endorse the concept and process. Rodney Cools seconded. Tom Willis noted his concern. He noted that the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization mirrors the I 95 corridor. He felt that breaking up the Metropolitan Planning Organization would lose our unanimity. He noted that the Little Bay Bridge project was a regional issue with one voice to the Department of Transportation. He added that if the Metropolitan Planning Organization had been separate, this project might have been lost.

Bruce Woodruff noted that he originally was not in favor of the realignment for this same reason. However, each Metropolitan Planning Organization has different interests. Strafford feels that the widening of Spaulding Turnpike is an important project, where Rockingham would favor Route 1. He added that it only made sense to have separate Metropolitan Planning Organization issues. The interest on the Newington side of the Little Bay Bridge is different than the interests on the Dover side.

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Dale Abbott noted that the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and Rockingham Planning Commission would continue to work jointly on the Seacoast Travel Demand Model. An upcoming project will be to reduce the size of the existing Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ's) within the Model. This will allow the Model to be used for smaller (sub-area) analysis projects at a community level. Currently the size of the TAZ's do not allow for such analyses to take place.

Tom Wills added that the Great Bay Estuary Watershed is a common interest; this bond forces Rockingham Planning Commission to look eastward.

Tim Roache noted that the transportation infrastructure functions as one system, and both Regional Planning Commissions will need to work together. He stated that he felt the Regional Planning Commissions could be more effective if they were separate. He added that the Metropolitan Planning Organizations are all part of the same non-attainment area, we will be forced to work together.

Kenn Ortmann noted that whenever change occurs, something is gained and something is lost. The organization as it is now, was a vehicle to get us where we needed to go. It is a natural process to separate the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization. This is a positive evolutionary step. It is a consensus of both Regional Planning Commissions Executive Committees to be more effective.

Sandra Keans added that if the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization separates, she would expect that Strafford Regional Planning Commission's office would move further north to be centrally located.

Chairman Fargo called for a vote. All in favor, the motion passed.

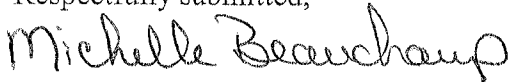
6. Guest Speaker, Eric Palson, Architect from Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture, New London NH.

Eric Palson presented a design plan he worked on in Canterbury NH.

7. Adjournment.

Rodney Cools made the motion to adjourn at 9pm. Bruce Woodruff seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Beauchamp
Planning Administrator

Approved as written on September 28th 2006.

Alphone Dixon
Executive Committee Chair

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