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**Strafford Regional Planning Commission**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**May 27, 2010**  
**The Oaks, Somersworth, NH**  
**Minutes**

**FINAL**

**SRPC Members Present:** Robert Jaffin (Rochester), Kenn Ortmann (Rochester), Sandra Keans (Rochester), Ed Jansen (Rollinsford), Rick McMenimen (Newmarket), Lou Vita (Middleton), Carol Vita (Middleton), Dale Sprague (Somersworth), Caren Rossi (Lee), Tom Crosby (Madbury), George Snyder (Somersworth), Paul Eaton (Strafford), and John Parry (Durham)

**SRPC Staff Present:** Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Marilyn Barton (Administrative Assistant), Marc Ambrosi (Regional Transportation Planner), Dan Camara (GIS/Transportation Analyst), Kyle Pimental (Transportation Technician) and Linda Osburn (Bookkeeper)

**Guests:** Commissioner George Bald (NH DRED), Martha Ortmann (Rochester), Laine Jaffin (Rochester), Al Dionne (Rollinsford), Trish McMenimen (Newmarket), Craig Wheeler (Somersworth), Rad Nichols (COAST), Dixon Worley (Dover), Melodie Esterberg (Rochester), Jon Frederick (COAST), Dianne Smith (COAST), Judy Snyder (Somersworth), Stephen Pesci, (UNH) Doug Bencks (UNH), Diane Hardy (Newmarket), Ashley Hardy (Nottingham), Bob Belmore (Somersworth), Julia Belshaw (Durham) and Jeremy LaRose (COAST)

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Chairman E. Jansen welcomed everyone to the Commissioners Annual meeting and brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Introductions were given around the room.

C. Copeland recognized L. Osburn for ten years of service at the Commission and presented her with an award.

## **2. Guest Speaker: Commissioner George Bald from NH Department of Resources and Economic Development**

C. Copeland began the meeting with an introduction of the evening's featured speaker, Commissioner George Bald, of NH Department of Resources and Economic Development. Commissioner Bald gave an overview of what the Department does and how they work closely with other state agencies. Commissioner Bald noted existing businesses need the states help or we will lose companies if we don't keep an eye on things and the state needs to value a good economy. The Commissioner stated he wants companies to have a good, responsive government and have good people working and living here. He noted his department works closely with the Department Of Transportation, as it is important for tourism, economic development and a good highway system. Commissioner Bald stated he was happy to start working on the CEDS document with Strafford Regional Planning Commission, as it was really important work to develop economic solutions for the region.

At the end of the discussion the Commissioner took questions from the audience.

## **3. Excellence In Planning Award**

Chairman E. Jansen and C. Copeland stated the recipient of this year's Planning Award was COAST. C. Copeland gave an overview of the history and expansion of COAST and accomplishments and called R. Nichols to the podium to receive the award.

R. Nichols thanked the Commission for the honor and thanked the employees of COAST; particularly the drivers as they were "the heart and soul of the operation". R. Nichols noted that staff had grown sixty percent in the last year. R. Nichols stated they were pleased to have received the award and thanked everyone.

## **4. Draft Minutes of January 28, 2010 Commission Meeting**

E. Jansen asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the January 28, 2010 Commission meeting. K. Ortmann made a motion; R. McMenimen seconded the motion. It was noted there was one abstention – D. Sprague as he was not at that meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

## **5. FY 2011 Annual Budget – Approval of FY 2011 Budget**

C. Copeland stated the Executive Committee at their May 14, 2010 meeting recommended the FY 2011 Budget. C. Copeland gave an overview of the revenues and expenses and highlighted some of the upcoming projects in the next fiscal year. C. Copeland noted this was the twelfth budget she had worked on and it was the first time all contracts were signed and in place and opened the discussion for any questions. As there were no questions, E. Jansen asked for a motion for approval of the FY 2011 Budget. C. Rossi made a motion; G. Snyder seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## **6. FY 2011 Officers and Executive Committee Member Elections**

C. Copeland stated the volunteers from the FY 2010 Executive Committee who have agreed to serve in FY 2011 were the following: Edmund Jansen as Chairman, Lucien Vita as Vice-Chair, C. Thomas Crosby as Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Keans, Kenn Ortmann, Frederick McMenimem and George Snyder as members. E. Jansen asked for a motion to nominate those volunteers and to approve and adopt the FY 2011 Officers and Executive Committee members. T. Crosby made a motion; R. McMenimen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## 7. Other Business

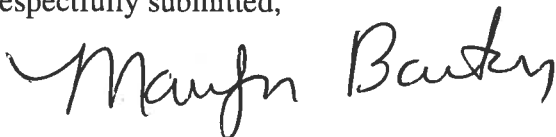
K. Ortmann reviewed and discussed the Legislative Policy update that was included in the meeting packet. K. Ortmann stated the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions has become active in tracking and responding to legislation that affects regional planning issues. K. Ortmann noted that on an annual basis the NHARPC Legislative Policy Committee reviews all pending legislation and develops a list of recommendations to support, oppose or offer amendments to bills that have the potential to impact the work the Commissions do. K. Ortmann stated as part of this process, input is being requested from the regional planning commissions. K. Ortmann stated all comments would need to be received to NHARPC no later than June 30, 2010 so the Legislative Policy Committee can review and consolidate all the suggestions and present them with a recommendation to the NHARPC for adoption at the September 2010 meeting.

C. Copeland thanked the Technical Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee for their help during the past year. C. Copeland thanked staff for all of their hard work during the last year. C. Copeland noted that SRPC would be working on the CEDS documents, updating Hazard Mitigation Plans for communities and working on energy planning in the upcoming year. C. Copeland stated SRPC would be moving to Rochester in August of this year to the Community Center.

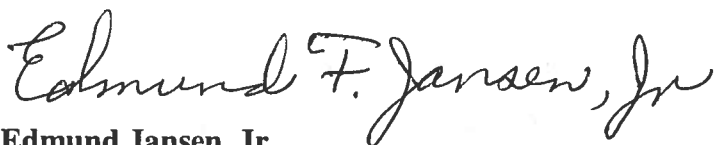
## 8. Adjournment

E. Jansen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. K. Ortmann made a motion and R. McMenimen seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



**Marilyn Barton**  
**Recording Secretary**



**Edmund Jansen, Jr.**  
**Strafford Regional Planning Committee Commission Chair**

