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**Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Commission Meeting
November 20, 2008
Minutes**

**Approved at January 22, 2009 Commission
Meeting**

SRPC Members Present: Elaine Lauterborn (Rochester), Sandra Keans (Rochester), Kenn Ortmann (Rochester), Lou Vita (Middleton), Carol Vita (Middleton), Paul Parker (Farmington), John Law (Farmington), Rick McMenimen (Newmarket), George Snyder (Somersworth), Paul Eaton (Strafford), T. Crosby (Madbury) and F. Torr (Dover)

SRPC Members Proxy Votes: P. Stanhope (Durham), Bruce Woodruff (Milton), Frank Frazier (Brookfield) and Scott Martin (Northwood)

SRPC Staff Present: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Dan Camara (GIS/Transportation Analyst) and Marilyn Barton (Administrative Assistant)

Guests: Steven Couture (NHDES), Wayne Ives (NHDES), Peter Sandin (Barrington), Reverend W. Pierre Baker (Rochester), Garret Ahlstrom (Madbury), Eric Fiegenbaum (Madbury), Derek Sowers (Durham), Sam Demerritt (Nottingham) and Justina Hale (Madbury)

Note: L. Brown called to order at 7:16 p.m. C. Copeland noted a change in the order of the agenda to accommodate the guest speakers and noted the speakers would be at the end of the agenda and Commissioner business would be conducted first.

1. Introductions

Introductions were made previously at beginning of the SMPO meeting.

2. Draft Minutes of September 25, 2008 Commission Meeting

L. Brown entertained the notion to approve the draft SRPC minutes of September 25, 2008. K. Ortmann made a motion and L. Vita seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

3. Open 30-Day Public Comment Period for Isinglass River Management Plan

C. Copeland stated a 30-day comment period beginning December 21, 2008 through January 21, 2009 and there would be a public notice going out next month. C. Copeland stated at the next Commissioners meeting being held on January 22, 2009 would be up for adoption as an appendix to our Regional Master Plan. C. Copeland noted copies would be available in the SRPC office as well as the website.

4. Project Solicitation: FY 2010 Coastal Program Grant

C. Copeland stated there is solicitation for the FY 2010 Coastal Program grant and stated projects were being solicited from zone a areas and those areas are: Dover, Durham, Newmarket, Madbury and Rollinsford. She noted the areas contiguous to Zone A are the following communities: Rochester, Somersworth, Barrington and Lee.

C. Copeland stated there would be a public meeting at the January 22, 2009 Commissioners meeting along with a review of the UPWP Program for DOT for the two-year scope of work.

5. NH Department of Environmental Services Presentation on Water Programs

S. Couture gave an overview of water quality standards, processes, background and procedures. S. Couture noted there is a report published yearly and the next one is due April 2010 and stated the information is on the DES website and would send that link to SRPC so the link can be found on their website.

W. Ives spoke about Instream Water Flow or as he referred to as flow paradigm, what it is and why it's needed. He also gave an overview of legislation and rules. He also gave an overview about instream flow evaluation and why it's needed. W. Ives noted protected entities such as the Cocheco River have been nominated. S. Couture stated the Cocheco River nomination was the most detailed and thorough document received at DES.

The Commissioners stated they wished to thank S. Couture and W. Ives for their informative presentation and appreciated their visit to the meeting.

6. Other Business

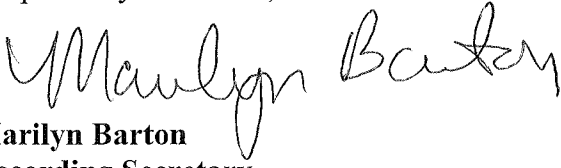
C. Copeland stated she was pleased to announce that SRPC has hired a new Regional Planner, William Proulx, who will be starting on December 1, 2008. C. Copeland noted W. Proulx recently received his Masters Degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and also spent eight years working with GIS software with a private company. C. Copeland stated he was currently attending training on local hazard mitigation plans in Connecticut, as he would be working on hazard mitigation updates. C. Copeland stated because of his background, SRPC is combing the positions of land use planner and GIS work into one position. C. Copeland stated this would allow D. Camara to go into transportation planning fulltime.

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

L. Brown entertained the notion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. K. Ortmann made the motion and L. Vita seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Barton
Recording Secretary



Larry Brown
Strafford Regional Planning Committee's Commission Chair

