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Strafford Regional Planning Commission
November 29th 2007
Minutes

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SRPC Commissioners Present: Peter Stanhope (Durham), Kenn Ortmann (Rochester), Sandra Keans (Rochester), Melvin Jenkins (Lee), Ed Jansen (Rollinsford), Bruce Woodruff (Milton), Francis Vincent (Somersworth), Tom Clark (Dover), Tom Willis (Rochester)-tardy.

SRPC Proxy Votes: Anne Martin (Brookfield), John Law (Farmington), Tom Crosby (Madbury), Lou Vita (Middleton), Al Dixon (Newmarket), Scott Martin (Northwood), Gail Mills (Nottingham)

SRPC Staff Present: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Dale Abbott (Senior GIS/ Transportation Analyst), Dan Camara (GIS Intern), Myranda McGowan (Transportation Planner), Michelle Beauchamp (Assistant Planner), Marilyn Barton (Administrative Assistant).

GUESTS: Rad Nichols (COAST)

1. Minutes of September 27th, 2007

K. Ortmann made the motion to approve the September 27th 2007 minutes as written. F. Vincent seconded. All in favor, 14-0 (includes 7 proxy votes) motion passed.

2. GIS Presentation

D. Abbot presented a power point presentation titled: GIS: It's More Than Maps! He used the presentation to emphasize the capabilities of the system and how communities are using the GIS hardware and software to analyze, store, update and display geographic data. He explained how the software can stack different layers of information and that the system knows how features are related to each other spatially. He spoke of a survey administered by the RPC staff to various towns from June, 2006 through January, 2007. The final survey results were compiled by GRANIT staff and D. Abbott presented some of the questions and results during his presentation. He also gave examples of how different communities have used this software. One example was how the City of Concord collected information on road status. Using this system allowed their Public Works Department to help with their capital improvement projects.

R. Nichols had a question about the accuracy of the system. D. Abbott explained that the high resolution scanners can pull out lines and is very sensitive so there are less mistakes. K. Ortmann asked if there was any new technology in the future for this system. D. Abbott explained that the 3-D component is the next big thing for use in this system.

3. Other Business

C. Copeland stated that the City of Rochester has contracted with SRPC to develop a Natural Resources Chapter for their Master Plan. She stated that J. LaBranche is working with the Planning & Development Office to establish a working group for the project, which will meet for the first time in January. The Chapter will be completed by the end of June 2008.

C. Copeland also stated that J. LaBranche is working under contract with the Town of New Durham to develop a steep slope ordinance and a conservation focus area ordinance for protection of several conservation focus areas in that town based on the Land Conservation Plan for New Hampshire's Coastal Watersheds. These ordinances include development and performance standards for protection water quality, sensitive habitats and ecosystems, forested lands, openspace, erosion and sediment control, and development density. These ordinances will be completed in January for public hearings and for the 2008 Town Warrant.

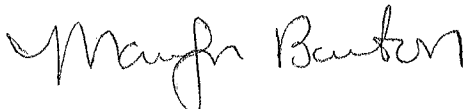
C. Copeland noted that M. Beauchamp is working with the Town of Nottingham Conservation Commission to develop a Conservation Overlay District based on the Land Conservation Plan for New Hampshire's Coastal Watersheds. In addition to the Overlay District, she is working with the Commission to develop a Conservation Subdivision Ordinance.

There was no other business.

4. Adjournment

E. Jansen made the motion to adjourn the SRPC Commissioners meeting at 7:45 p.m. S. Keans seconded. All in favor 14-0 (includes 7 proxy votes), motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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