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**Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Commission Annual Meeting
May 28, 2009
Minutes**

**Approved at November 19, 2009 Commission
Meeting**

SRPC Members Present: Larry Brown (Milton), Wayne Burton (Durham), John Parry (Durham), Ed Jansen (Rollinsford), Sandra Keans (Rochester), Elaine Lauterborn (Rochester), Scott Martin (Northwood), Rick McMenimen (Newmarket), Kenn Ortmann (Rochester), George Snyder (Somersworth), Lou Vita (Middleton), Carol Vita (Middleton) and Paul Eaton (Strafford)

SRPC Members Proxy Votes: Tom Crosby (Madbury)

SRPC Staff Present: Cynthia Copeland (Executive Director), Marilyn Barton (Administrative Assistant), Myranda McGowan (Transportation Planner), Dan Camara (GIS/Transportation Analyst) and Kyle Pimental (Transportation Technician)

Guests: Commissioner Thomas Burack (NHDES), Chris Skoglund, (NHDES-ARD), Julia Belshaw (J.Red Digital), Lorie Chase (Cocheco River Watershed Coalition), Laurel Cox (Lee), Chuck Cox (Lee), Melodie Esterberg (Rochester), Julie Glover (Newmarket), Diane Hardy (Newmarket), Rick Malasky (Newmarket), Tony Simon (Middleton), John Wallace (Strafford Rivers Conservancy), Bernard Gordon (Newmarket) and Anita Gordon (Newmarket)

1. Guest Speaker: Commissioner Thomas Burack from NH Department of Environmental Services - Topic: A Climate Action Plan for the State of New Hampshire

C. Copeland began the meeting with an introduction of the evening's featured speaker, Commissioner Thomas Burack, of NH Department of Environmental Services. Commissioner Burack asked for introductions around the room.

Commissioner Burack lead the discussion on The NH Climate Action Plan and focused on the transportation and land use connection. Commissioner Burack noted how increased transportation and fossil fuels were causing changes in the climate in the State of NH. Commissioner Burack spoke about

the Climate Change Policy Task Force that was established through Executive Order 2007-3 on December 6, 2007. Commissioner Burack noted the Policy Task Force consisted of twenty-nine members and went over the action plan development process that included six working groups (with 125 participants), six public listening sessions and over 300 pages of public comments. C. Burack stated the Policy Task Force recommended goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions twenty percent below 1990 levels by 2025 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions eighty percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Commissioner Burack went over the strategies to achieve these goals which included: maximizing energy efficiency in buildings and transportation, protecting our natural resources to maintain the amount of carbon sequestered, developing an integrated education, outreach and workforce training program and adapting to existing and potential climate change impacts.

Commissioner Burack went over current land use patterns in the state and recommendations by the Policy Task Force for desired land use and transit actions. Commissioner Burack noted desired adaptation outcomes were to facilitate early responses and avoid impacts, enhance communities' resistance to change and promote resilient communities. Commissioner Burack stated changing the way we do things now is imperative in order to avoid more extreme weather conditions in the future. Commissioner Burack then opened the discussion to questions.

2. Municipal Planning Award

C. Copeland asked J. Glover and R. Malasky from Newmarket to come up to the podium. C. Copeland gave an overview of the journey the Town of Newmarket went through to achieve downtown revitalization. C. Copeland and L. Brown awarded the Town of Newmarket for their achievement in outstanding efforts and commitment to town planning.

J. Glover thanked the Commission for the award on behalf of the Town of Newmarket. J. Glover noted she enjoyed working with everyone on the project and there were a lot of amazing people and volunteers who worked very hard to achieve the revitalization of the downtown area. J. Glover said it was a testament to all the hard work done by everyone.

3. Draft Minutes of January 22, 2009 Commission Meeting

L. Brown asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of January 22, 2009. K. Ortmann stated he had two small changes he would like to be made: On page two it currently reads:

“K. Ortmann asked if the participation of these projects is that it ensures staff resources are for those communities that are active members or does it go beyond that boundary? C. Copeland stated she and the SRPC bookkeeper had had many discussions on this and that SRPC needs to be very careful providing these funds to communities that are not active members. C. Copeland stated with Federal dollars it's difficult to just not do anything with communities that are not active as SRPC has an obligation with the funds to be fair and inclusive.”

K. Ortmann requested that it be changed to:

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K. Ortmann requested a change be made on page four of the minutes. Currently it reads:

"K. Ortmann stated the Executive Committee is trying to get SRPC's dues more in line with other Planning Commissions and allow us do the kind of match and services needed by our communities. K. Ortmann stated without that, there are fewer things we can do and things we can point to of value and sees that of negative cycle. K. Ortmann noted on the other hand, it is a difficult time for communities."

K. Ortmann requested that it be changed to:

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L. Brown asked if there were any questions or any more changes. As there were no other changes, L. Brown asked for a motion to adopt the draft January 22, 2009 minutes. K. Ortmann made a motion; L. Vita seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. FY 2010 Annual Budget – Approval of FY 2010 Budget

C. Copeland stated the Executive Committee at their May 8, 2009 meeting recommended the FY 2010 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 there were no major changes to expenses and it was a fiscally conservative budget and opened the discussion for any questions. As there were no questions, L. Brown asked for a motion for approval of the FY 2010 Budget. K. Ortmann made a motion; S. Keans seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. FY 2010 Officers and Executive Committee Member Elections

C. Copeland stated the volunteers from the FY 2009 Executive Committee who have agreed to serve in FY 2010 were the following: Edmund Jansen as Chairman, Lucien Vita as Vice-Chair, C. Thomas Crosby as Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Keans as a member and Kenn Ortmann as a member. C. Copeland noted new volunteers who have agreed to serve in FY 2010 were the following: Frederick McMenimem as a member and George Snyder as a member. C. Copeland stated the volunteer who has agreed to serve as an alternate for purposes of a quorum in FY 2010 is Larry Brown. L. Brown asked for a motion to nominate those volunteers and to approve and adopt the FY 2010 Officers and Executive Committee members. C. Vita made a motion; E. Lauterborn seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Copeland thanked the current Chairman, L. Brown for his service for the past year with an honorarium. L. Brown thanked the staff of SRPC for their help during the past year and that he had enjoyed his time as chairman.

6. Other Business

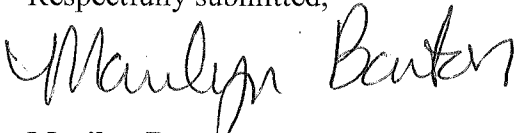
C. Copeland noted the New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions Annual Meeting is June 26, 2009 in Concord and that a volunteer was needed to represent the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. C. Copeland stated if any of the Commissioners were interested in volunteering

to please let her know. C. Copeland noted SRPC had additional copies of various, books and CD's and if anyone wanted a copy of those items, they were available on the display tables.

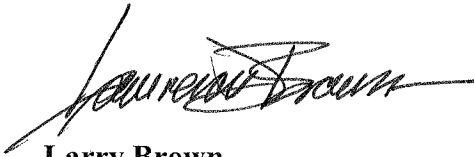
7. Adjournment

L. Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. K. Ortmann made a motion and S. Keans seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



**Marilyn Barton
Recording Secretary**



**Larry Brown
Strafford Regional Planning Committee Commission Chair**