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## ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

### Minutes

Exeter Public Library

August 13, 2014

**Members Present:** Glenn Coppelman, Chair, Kingston; Tim Moore, Plaistow; Barbara Kravitz, Maury Friedman, Mark Olson and Ann Carnaby, Hampton; Donald Clement and Katherine Woolhouse, Exeter; Don Marshall, Fremont; Richard McDermott, Hampton Falls; Mike Turell, Atkinson; James VanBokkelen, South Hampton; Mary Allen and Jim Doggett, Newton; Joan Whitney and Peter Merrill, Kensington; Phil Wilson, North Hampton; Rick Taintor, Portsmouth; and Michael McAndrew, New Castle.

**Staff Present:** Cliff Sinnott, Glenn Greenwood, Scott Bogle, Julie LaBranche and Roxanne Rines.

#### 7:00 p.m. Meeting Opened

#### 1. Welcome/Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what municipality they were from or the agency they represented.

#### 2. Minutes from June 11, 2014, Annual Meeting

**Motion:** **Doggett** made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014, as written. **McDermott** seconded the motion. **Motion carried with abstentions.**

#### 3. Regional Master Plan/GSF

- A. Plan Components and Outline – **Greenwood** gave a brief overview of the project, work completed thus far and the remaining work to be done and how the chapters will be integrated into one document.
- B. Review Regional Vision and Goal for the Master Plan – **Greenwood** reviewed the few revisions made to the Regional Vision and Goals that the full commission approved in December 2013. There were no further revisions made.
- C. Chapter Review Schedule and Comments Memo – **Greenwood** thanked the regional master plan committee members for all of the time and work reviewing the chapters. He reviewed the handout with the planned schedule. While reviewing chapters, staff would like members to focus on the goals and recommendations. The goals are intended to

represent the future desired state of each subject, while the recommendations are desirable ways to achieve those goals.

**Greenwood** reminded members to keep a log of the time spent reviewing chapters using the handout and returning it to the office. He told members that there was not necessarily an expectation that each member would comment on every chapter, he hoped they would focus their efforts on the chapters they have knowledge or interest in. **Greenwood** stated comments need to be sent to staff within the two first weeks following a meeting and the easiest way to have comments included is to mark-up the document(s) and give to staff. Again, he thanked members for their past and future time reviewing the chapters. Discussion ensued about how chapters will be intertwined with each other and how small towns could work together.

#### 4. Review of RMP Historic Resources Chapter

**Bogle** reviewed the 1993 version of the chapter while explaining the information he's updated, removed or included new. Discussion ensued about how to find the historical and/or heritage commissions in the region. Next he reviewed the five goals and then spoke about the results from the UNH survey pertaining to historical resources.

Discussion ensued about various aspects of the chapter. Points were made in reference to hazardous materials that were used in many historical structures which make reuse more difficult, the LCHIP program and the usage of current use funds to help preserve historic buildings.

**Bogle** reviewed the recommendations for the chapter. **Clement** gave an example of a program that the Town of Exeter has implemented for tax breaks. **Bogle** explained how the Scenic Byway program will be included in the chapter, as well as an exact timeline and a map of major historic and cultural resources. Members gave Bogle small changes to the recommendations.

#### 5. Review of RMP Energy Chapter

**LaBranche** gave an overview of the information included in the chapter (from State, Federal and local regulations, statutes and/or laws. She reviewed the seven goals. Discussion ensued about public-private partnerships, public transportation, natural gas, solar, thermal choices and power purchase agreements. Additions and changes to the chapter were discussed.

**LaBranche** reviewed the recommendations of the chapter. It was suggested that more information on using alternative energy production (solar, wood, geothermal) within the region be added to the chapter and its recommendations.

#### 6. Review of RMP Economic Development Chapter

**Sinnott** stated the chapter is not complete yet, so it will be discussed again at the September meeting. Most of the goals and recommendations are consistent with those included in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document. He then gave an overview of the chapter content and reviewed the goals in the chapter.

Discussion ensued about workforce housing and employment. After discussion, **Sinnott** stated asked members to get feedback to him within the week and stated the entire chapter will be emailed to members when complete.

**7. Other Business**

**Coppelman** stated the next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in North Hampton.

**8. Public Comment**

**None.**

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines  
Recording Secretary