



MINUTES

Rockingham Planning Commission Executive Committee

October 23, 2019 RPC Office, Exeter, NH

Committee Members Present: B. Kravitz (Chairman); R.McDermott (Vice Chair); G. Coppelman (Secretary); P. Wilson (Past Chair); L. Plumer, A. Davis, M. McAndrew (Members at Large)

Staff: T. Roache (Executive Director); A. Pettengill (Business Manager)

- 1. Call to Order: Chairman Kravitz called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- 2. Minutes of August 28, 2019

Wilson moved to approve the Minutes of August 28, 2019 as presented; McDermott seconded. **SO VOTED.**

3. Financial Report – September 2019

Roached noted that revenue is lower and cash flow is lower, but not unusual for this time of the year and expenses are on track. He also distributed a Dashboard for Sept/Oct and noted bank balances are typical; staff visited Plaistow and Epping, and staff is setting up Water Protection workshops around the region. He also noted that he presented to a Senate Committee the Barriers to Housing Density program and the ABC's of RPC's as well. He reviewed the details of the Household Hazardous Waste collection that was organized by the RPC and held in Exeter for the towns of Exeter, Stratham, Newfields, East Kingston, Epping, Seabrook and South Hampton. Over 400 households attended and the RPC social media viewing was up due to the targeted advertising for the Collection.

4. New Business – to be addressed later in the Agenda

5. Old Business

a) Legislative Forum Update: Unitil, November 13; invitations were sent. Kravitz suggested the event be submitted as a press release to local newspapers.

- b) Staffing Update: resumes have been received for the Public Outreach/Administrator position; interviews will be scheduled soon.
- c) December meeting: Wednesday December 11th; TIP amendment

4. New Business

a) SB306 Roundtable: Kravitz noted that Martha Fuller Clark met with RPC staff and suggested this Committee discuss the SB306 language and what changes they would like to see. M. Clark stated she would like to know what is the incentive to support workforce housing. She also stated she may establish another Study Committee to rewrite or incentivize workforce housing. She is supportive of filing a Bill to eliminate the current wording in SB306 but needs the feedback from RPC and other agencies like NH Housing Finance and NHMA to support that effort. Salem and Exeter Planning staff are also willing to provide feedback in that regard. Discussion followed. Wilson put forth his changes to the language in the current Bill and explained his focus was more specifically on workforce housing issues. Kravitz asked Roache to communicate with Clark that the RPC's first preference would be to kill the Bill, and second preference would be to amend the amended language. She also asked him to submit Wilson's amended language to Clark. Wilson stated that there needs to be a scientific analysis of workforce housing in NH to support what the real needs are and not what the perceived needs are. Kravitz noted that NHMA was not in favor of this Bill and never endorsed it.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Pettengill, Recording Secretary

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