

MINUTE

Rockingham Planning Commission

September 11, 2019

Stratham Public Library, Stratham NH

Commissioners Present: B. Kravitz, Chairman (Hampton); P. Coffin, G. Coppelman (Kingston); J. Doggett (Newton); M. McAndrew (New Castle); R. McDermott, A. Brubaker (Hampton Falls); L. Cushman (Stratham); A. Davis (Hampstead); G. English (Exeter); S. Gerrato (Greenland); J. Grote (Rye); P. Britz (Portsmouth); C. McCarthy, G. Gott (Raymond); T. Moore (Plaistow); P. Wilson (North Hampton); B. Donahue (Salem); P. Merrill (Kensington)

Guests: A. Monastiero (NHHSEM); S. Kravitz (Hampton); D. Moore (Town Administrator Stratham); T. Walker (Planning Consultant)

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

- 1. Chairman Kravitz called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and held a Moment of Silence in memory of 9/11 victims and families.**
- 2. Minutes of May 8, 2019**

*McDermott moved to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2019 as presented; Doggett seconded. Doggett to be added to the Commissioners Present list. **SO VOTED.** (3 abstentions)*

Minutes of June 12, 2019

*Doggett moved to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2019 as presented; Coffin seconded. **SO VOTED.** (3 abstentions)*

- 3. Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance – Alexx Monastiero, State Hazard Mitigation Officer**

Monastiero reviewed FEMA's programs for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding, including Pre-disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance. She reviewed the eligibility requirements and timelines of each type of assistance and explained that all the programs have a 75/25% cost share. Towns need to have updated flood plans to be considered eligible, and private homeowners need to be insured w/ FEMA to receive FEMA flood insurance funds for some of the programs.

- 4. RPC Hazard Mitigation Planning Overview – Theresa Walker (Planning Consultant)**

Walker reviewed the process of providing updated Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans to communities in the RPC region. She noted that coastal hazards and vulnerability assessments are getting built into these Plans. She stated that Public education and outreach is so important. Discussion and questions followed.

5. RPC Fy 20 Projects & Initiatives – Tim Roache

Roache reviewed the 36 active contracts the RPC currently has, along with the 7 pending contracts. He explained the local assistance and dues related work the RPC does, and how the dues breaks down for match and regional assistance.

6. Ten Year Plan GACIT Process- Tim Roache

Roache described the Transportation Planning Process and noted the upcoming GACIT hearings.

7. Public Comment

Gerrato asked Walker what Greenland's status is for Predisaster Mitigation Planning, and Walker stated Greenland is due for an update but the RPC is waiting to hear if the town has chosen the RPC to do their Plan update.

Merrill suggested that accessory dwelling units be an upcoming topic for Commission meeting.

Moore welcomed the RPC to Stratham and introduced himself as Stratham's new Town Administrator. He stated he has had very positive interaction with the RPC and believes the electricity aggregation with the RPC will be a big success for the Town.

McDermott thanked the Chair for the moment of silence for 9/11

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Pettengill, Recording Secretary
