

MINUTES
Rockingham Planning Commission
April 14, 2021

Remote Meeting via ZOOM Conference Call
Per RSA 91-A:2, III(b) the RPC Chair declared the COVID-19 Outbreak
An Emergency and has waived the requirement
That a quorum be physically present at the meeting

Commissioners/MPO Reps Present: R. McDermott, Chairman (Hampton Falls); B. Kravitz (Hampton); B. Moreau, P. Britz, J. Tabor (Portsmouth); G. Coppelman, P. Coffin (Kingston); L. Cushman (Stratham); M. McAndrew (New Castle); A. Brubaker (H. Falls); D. Hebert (Newington); L. Plumer (Exeter); J. Doggett, M. Allen (Newton); P. Winslow, J. Grote (Rye); V. Gamache (N. Hampton); S. Gerrato (Greenland); L. Miner, R. Barham (Fremont)

Guests: D. Seiglie (TAC Member, Rye)

Staff: T. Roache (Executive Director); D. Walker (Assistant Director); S. Bogle (Sr Transportation Planner); J. LaBranche (Sr Planner); A. Warhaft (Office Coordinator)

- 1. Chairman McDermott called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.; Remote Meeting via Zoom Conference Call per RSA 91-A:2, III(b)**
- 2. Minutes of March 10, 2021**

*J. Doggett moved to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2021 as presented; P. Coffin seconded. Roll Call vote taken. **SO VOTED.** 3 abstentions.*

- 3. RPC Committee Reports**

T. Roache provided updates on several of the RPC Committees.

- Executive Committee:
 - The EC is continuing to work on the bylaws for the 501c3. Next steps with include filing with State of NH and the IRS.
 - The EC will be working on the FY 22 budget over the next few months.
 - T. Roache shared an invitation with the commissioners to join the EC to fill the vacancy. Members are asked to reach out directly to Roache if interested.
- The Nominating Committee is a subcommittee that address vacancies on committees, as well as selecting the recipients of the annual Hayden and Quinlan Awards. The committee is currently accepting nominations for the awards which may be given out in September if circumstances permit.

- The Legislative Policy Committee met to review legislative bills to assess if any will affect any RPC communities. S. Bogle shared with the members that they are following 5 bills and reviewed what each entails, including bills that would limit load lumber weights on state highways, continue virtual meetings (SB95), fund a coastal flooding model (HB25), limit municipalities' power of town councils and broadened liability for municipalities. Three were tabled in final house sessions; two are still alive: SB95 and HB25. In addition, there was further discussion on several energy bills. J. Grote shared there are not too many bills at this time.

4. MPO Business: Transportation Alternatives Program Update – S. Bogle

S. Bogle stated that the Transportation Alternatives Program is the successor to the Transportation Enhancement Program. FY 21-22 has a funding pool of \$5.4 million. Statewide there were 41 letters and 33 Full Proposals received requesting approximately \$22 million in funding. In our region, two full projects were submitted from Salem (Cluff Road Sidewalk/Path Connection) and Rye (Town Center Complete Streets) requesting \$1.26 million. Bogle reviewed the project details of the projects. NHDOT has not announced the weighting systems, however it will likely be similar to the last round. RPC staff prepared a summary and scoring sheets for each project, including comments on the projects' consistency with local or regional plans and local support, which was discussed by the TAC Committee. The TAC Committee has recommended that the Rye project be put forward for the TAP Funds. The project would be managed by NHDOT for an administrative fee which can be rolled into the project cost. Discussion followed.

*G. Coppelman moved to approve the final regional ranking as presented; J. Doggett seconded. Roll Call vote taken. **SO VOTED.***

5. RPC Business: Coastal Innovative Land Use Guide – L. LaBranche

J. LaBranche shared details about the scope and details of the Coastal Innovative Land Use Guide (CILUG). The intent of the guide is to help facilitate adoption of recommended best practices by supporting the policies with models, case studies and examples in order to provide options for long-term sustainability plans. The guide will provide coastal municipalities with innovative model regulations and land development standards, companion natural resource protection measures and planning tools, case studies of successes and challenges, and examples of implementation strategies.

6. RPC Business: Testimonials – T. Roache

The RPC is requesting testimonials from our members, town officials and partners on why the RPC is important to and the ways in which the RPC has helped our communities. L. Plumer volunteered to help with the project.

7. Public Comment - none

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Warhaft, Recording Secretary



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: RPC Commissioners
FROM: Tim Roache, Executive Director
DATE: May 07, 2021
SUBJECT: **Proposed FY2022 Slate for Officers and Executive Committee**

This Report of the Nominating Committee is prepared in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Commission Bylaws requiring that the Nominating Committee submit a report with nominations for Commission officers and at-large positions for the ensuing year be distributed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Nominating Committee Membership for FY2021, appointed by Executive Committee vote on February 24, 2021: Glenn Coppelman, Kingston; Barbara Kravitz, Hampton; Alan Davis, Hampstead; Lucy Cushman, Stratham, Richard McDermott (chair), Hampton Falls

The Nominating Committee met remotely via zoom on March 24 and again on April 28 to consider nominations for Officers and Executive Committee members for the ensuing fiscal year.

At the March 24 meeting, the Nominating Committee reviewed the current roster of all commissioners, their tenure and resignations. The Committee reviewed bylaw requirements, potential candidates, and reaffirmed the general objective of officers succeeding from Vice Chair to Chair, and the understanding that officers are encouraged to serve two one-year terms as they are willing and able. All Officers agreed to serve an additional one-year term.

At the direction of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Director reached out to specific communities and individuals to fill vacant at large positions. Email reminders were sent to all commissioners notifying them that the Nominating Committee would be considering nominations for Commissioners interested in serving on the Executive Committee.

At the April 28th meeting, the Nominating Committee considered the nomination of Denis Herbert of Newington and by unanimous vote, recommended Mr. Hebert of Newington as an at large member. Additional nominations were sought to fill the remaining vacancy however, none of the candidates could commit to a position at this time.

Based on outlined process described above, the Nominating Committee arrived at the proposed slate for FY 2022 shown below.,

This report and any further revision to it will be distributed for consideration at the RPC annual meeting to be held on June 9, 2021. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

**PROPOSED OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

Officers:

Chair	Richard McDermott, Hampton Falls
Vice Chair	Alan Davis, Hampstead
Treasurer	Mike Turell, Atkinson
Secretary	Glenn Coppelman, Kingston
Immediate Past-Chair	Barbara Kravitz, Hampton

At-Large Members:

1. Mike Rabideau, Seabrook
2. Jim Doggett, Newton
3. Michael McAndrew, New Castle
4. Lucy Cushman, Stratham
5. Lang Plumer, Exeter
6. Elizabeth Moreau, Portsmouth
7. Denis Hebert, Newington
8. Vacant