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Regional Planning Commission & Economic Development District

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## **Regional Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**June 21, 2017**

Mount Eustis Commons – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
262 Cottage Street  
Littleton, NH

**Present:**

Bob DeAngelis, Dalton  
Jo Lacaillade, Haverhill  
Robin Irving, Northumberland  
Robin Frost, Gorham  
Carl Martland, Sugar Hill  
Neil McIver, Plymouth  
Thomas Holmes, Conway  
Doug Grant, Randolph  
Linda Moore, Bethlehem  
Evan Karf, Carrol  
Ray Gorman, Colebrook  
Lilli Gilligan, Conway  
Ramona Dube, Dummer  
Elizabeth Ruediger, Dummer  
Justin Bradshaw, Monroe  
Stanley Judge, Shelburne  
Dennis Lunn, Stark  
Charles Goulet, Stratford  
Vicki DeLalla, Stratford  
Sam Chase, Whitefield  
Michelle Moren-Grey, NCC  
Kathy Frenette, NCC  
Barbara Robinson, NCC  
Regan Pride, NCC  
Greg DiSanto, NCC  
Nick Altonaga, NCC  
James Steele, NCC

**Welcome**

Regan Pride welcomed everyone at 4:05 pm. Agenda items were re-ordered.

**Presentation**

Regan began his presentation on “**Deeper Dive into Solid Waste Costs Gains Insight**”.

He explained how towns have been experiencing steady increases in solid waste disposal costs over recent years, coupled with declining or at least unstable revenues for recycling. Some towns even have to pay to have recyclables hauled away. NCC has performed in-depth analyses of the so-called “Full Cost” of solid waste management for 7 facilities in the region. The presentation described some of the main cost drivers of waste management as well as some insights gained as to what operational factors can improve the bottom line.

At 4:40 pm the Commissioners meeting now had a quorum with the completion of the Board Meeting and the arrival of Board members, Jo Lacaillade, Bob DeAngelis, Robin Frost, Robin Irving, Vicki DeLalla, Neil McIver and Thomas Holmes.

Old Business – October 2016 minutes

Jo asked if everyone had reviewed the October minutes and if so for a motion to approve them. ***Elizabeth Ruediger made the motion to accept the October minutes. Dennis Lunn seconded. All in favor.***

Informational Item – March Meeting Summary Notes

Jo asked if everyone had reviewed the March minutes and if so for a motion to approve them. ***Robin Irving made the motion to accept the March minutes. Bob DeAngelis seconded. All in favor. Abstaining themselves were Evan Knarf, Linda Moore, Lilli Gilligan, Elizabeth Ruediger and Ramona Dube as they were not in attendance at the March meeting.***

Roundtable

Prior to the start of the round table Barbara informed all present that Bill Andreas was no longer the Chair as an opportunity came up for he and his wife to move to Kentucky. Jo Lacaillade is now the Chair.

Linda Moore, Bethlehem – Bethlehem is looking at forming a committee regarding the NCES transfer station future closure.

Evan Knarf, Carroll – They are hiring a consultant to look at the possibility of building an emergency center which would include the fire, police and ambulance as well as the town hall offices all in one building.

Stanley Judge, Shelburne – There has been some town forest work going on and they have been talking about the view shed for their section of the Scenic Byways.

Elizabeth Ruediger, Dummer – They are looking into the possible use of solar for the town garage, the relocation of a portion of Route 16 that goes through Dummer and giving their input on the Northern Pass project when the hearings come up.

Jo Lacaillade, Board Chair, Haverhill – They are looking at revitalizing their downtown in Woodsville. Hubert’s Department Store closed and it is a big loss to the community. They are also looking at their rail trails as they lost them due to the type of funding they had and they are looking for an alternative

until the situation with the Fed is resolved.

Robin Irving, Northumberland – The second phase of the water and sewer project for the old mill site applications are in. They too are looking at consolidating to have one emergency center with fire, police and ambulance all in the same building. They are working on their scenic walk project, they have rehabbed the covered bridge and looking at a transfer station expansion. Looking to develop a town theme to build up PR of the town.

Ray Gorman, Colebrook – They are looking at developing ordinances for solid waste. School consolidation is also being looked at due to the low numbers of graduating classes. For the towns' water and sewer project they are working with USDA as well as DOT so they can re-do Main Street.

Jason Bradshaw, Monroe – Northern Pass is investing in another converter station using the existing right of way, and the same for the proposed towers.

Charlie Goulet, Stratford – They have formed a forest committee to look at Nash Stream.

Carl Martland, Sugar Hill – Lupine Festival was last week so they are at their peak this week. He is on the Board for the Sugar Hill Museum and it has created four loops for a driving historical tour of the town which works to get people on the scenic byway. The book for the tour can be bought at the Littleton Book Store.

Sam Chase, Whitefield – Big senior housing construction project for the Morrison has made a mess in town. The cottages are supposed to open in the fall and the new big building in the spring. There is also an upcoming festival at the airport on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dennis Lunn, Stark – He operates the Stark Heritage Center and they receive many out of town guests. Not many local people. The covered bridge project was finished not long ago. Jo mentioned that the Stark covered bridge is the only covered bridge in NH with a walkway on both sides of the bridge. Dennis mentioned that many out of town guests also ask about the Stark Prison Camp during WWII.

Robin Frost, Gorham – Working with NH DOT to replace culverts, working in their town forest and a couple of road projects.

Vicki DeLalla, Stratford – They have started a conservation commission and they just met this past Saturday for the first time

Thomas Holmes, Conway – They are looking at the possibility of moving the Town Hall to the old bank building, Tom has been appointed as the new Town Manager upon Earl Sires retirement on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. They formed a commission to see if they can save the town recreation building and if not, it will have to be torn down and rebuilt.

Neil McIver, Plymouth – Just completed the Plymouth Airports' 20 year master plan. They are finalizing the road design for upgrades to Highland Street. They are working with the University, Regional Chamber of Commerce and DRED to rebrand Plymouth as an Eco Tourism destination.

At the end of the roundtable Barbara Robinson thanked everyone for attending.

Carl Martland of Sugar Hill, and the Chair of the North Country Scenic Byways committee added that they have talked about the trails and worked with the State regarding changes to the Scenic Byways.

Jo asked for motion to adjourn. *Sam Chase made a motion to adjourn. Dennis Lunn seconded. All in favor.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Frenette