

Commission Meeting

Friday, October 18, 2024 9:00-10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting (Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office & via Zoom)

1. Welcome and Introductions

At 9:08 AM-Chair Dave Landry called the meeting to order and asked for introductions: Dave Landry, Dover; Barbara Holstein, Rochester; Joe Boudreau, Rochester; Michael Lehrman, Durham; Matt Towne, Barrington; Michael Bobinsky, Somersworth; Katrin Kaster, Lee; Kate Buzard, Middleton; Marshall Goldberg, Brookfield; Rick Healey Rochester; Lucy St. John, NHDOT

Staff in person: Jen Czysz, Mark Davie, Colin Lentz

Members attending on Zoom: Lindsey Williams, Dover; Tom Falk, Steve Brown, Beverly Cray, UNH, Jessica Wilcox, NHDES; Glen Davison, NHDOT; Steve Diamond, Barrington

Staff attending on Zoom: Lisa Murphy

2. Commissioner Roundtable

Matt Towne reported on the progress of the new Barrington Library. It is slated to open June 2025.

Mike L. stated that the Durham Planning Board recently adopted a workforce zoning amendment which he feels will be a step forward to increase housing.

K. Buzard reported that the Middleton ZBA denied workforce housing project reasoning it is in an area zoned as village district.

S. Diamond spoke about energy resilience and emergency preparedness during natural disasters.

3. Action Items

a. Approve minutes of 9/20/2024

D. Landry motioned to approve the minutes of September 20, 2024 seconded by K. Kasper. All members voted unanimously in favor with one abstention from Lucy St. John. The motion passed.

b. Initial Ten Year Plan Submission

C. Lentz presented on the 4 projects in the initial Ten Year Plan submission and stated that SRPC will need to present an initial list of candidate projects to NHDOT by early November. SRPC's allocation of funding for adding new projects to the Ten Year Plan is \$5,846,797. This initial submission must fit within that allocation, plus up to two contingency projects. Four projects are eligible for the Ten Year Plan and have received



engineering reviews from BETA. Some projects include alternatives with different cost estimates. Using the most expensive alternative, the four eligible projects total \$4,241,600. Two projects, one in Madbury and one in Farmington, require a specific request included in the letter that will be sent to NHDOT with our submission. Please review that letter along with the project information included in the meeting packet.

Around February 2025, SRPC committee members will need to vote on a final list of projects that is constrained to the \$5.8 million regional allocation. This initial submission is part of the early development of a draft Ten Year Plan, to be signed into law in Summer of 2026.

K. Kasper motioned to approve the four candidate projects, with modifications to the Farmington and Madbury projects to have engineering look at those costs, to be submitted to NHDOT to be considered for the draft Ten Year Plan. Following a second, all members voted unanimously in favor with one abstention from L. St. James. The motion passed.

c. Adopt FY2024 Annual Report

Jen Czysz stated that the 2024 annual report was presented at the September Commission meeting and is ready for approval.

K. Kasper motioned to approve the 2024 Annual Report seconded by J. Boudreau. All members voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion Items

a. Updated Meeting Schedule

Jen Czysz highlighted the changes made to the FY25 meeting schedule.

Following a public hearing on TIP amendment 7, the November Meeting is planned to be a technical assistance workshop with peer-to-peer assistance.

The December Commissioner Field Trip is a ride on the Downeaster on Tuesday, December 10th. We will be taking a little jaunt on the Amtrak Downeaster. Meet at the Dover Transportation Center at 8:30AM. Commissioners and TAC members should have received a save-the-date and look out for an official invite and registration soon.

Commissioner 101 is coming up on November 1. It will be an opportunity for commissioners to interview staff and vice versa.

5. Other Business



C. Lentz noted that it hasn't been officially announced yet but there will be a round of transportation funding for non motorized modes. It starts with a letter of interest.

6. Citizens Forum

There were no citizens present

7. Adjourn

M. Towne motioned to adjourn seconded by J. Mullen. All members voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

