



# Rockingham Planning Commission

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## MINUTES ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING

June 8, 2005  
Kingston 1686 House Restaurant

**Commissioners Present:** B. Landman, Chairman, (North Hampton); R. Day, L. Smith (East Kingston); F. Griffin, L. Ingram (Exeter); A. Stoller, P. Griffin, E. Maloney (Windham); B. Brown (Rye); T. Tocci (Hampton Falls); M. Senter (Plaistow); W. Bambury, J. Payzant (Hampton); S. & R. Dodge (Seabrook); D. Cooney, G. Fredette (Salem); G. Coppelman (Kingston)

**Guests:** Sharon Day; Ruth Griffin; Trina Ingram; Janet Brown; Jenifer Landman; Marietta Tocci; Don Senter; Tony Peters; Ina Bambury; Kathe Fredette; David Soule; George Olson; Ron Gross; John McDevitt; Christina Quinlan; Dennis & Jane Quinlan; Mr. & Mrs. Richard DeSantis; Sara Sinnott; Jessica Primo-Etter

**Staff:** C. Sinnott (Executive Director); G. Greenwood (Assistant Director); A. Pettengill (Business Manager); Robert Pruyne (GIS/Transportation Analyst); Tom Falk (Transportation Analyst); Scott Bogle (Sr, Transportation Planner); Roxanne Rines (Office Administrator)

**6 – 7:00 p.m. Social Hour**

**7 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner**

**8 – 8:45 p.m. David Soule, Associate Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University – The New England Initiative:** Responding to the Dynamic Forces Shaping Contemporary New England

Landman welcomed everyone and introductions followed. Sinnott thanked everyone for attending and gave a special thank you to Ina Bambury for supplying the staff with a plethora of baked goods over the year. Sinnott introduced David Soule. He noted that Soule was a former Director at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission and the Boston Metropolitan Planning Council and long time friend and observer of regional planning in New Hampshire. His presentation will look at New England as our region of larger scale and how the size and proliferation of governing bodies make it a unique place.

Soule thanked Sinnott and Olson for their contributions to the world of regional planning. He began by stating that New England is at risk. He expressed the need for vision and foresight to understand and refresh our insights into what our emerging sectors need to grow and thrive. He stated that the economy is changing rapidly and presented census data and metropolitan growth areas. He noted workforce trends that are occurring within the population of New England and noted our per capita income is close to, or higher than the national average. He compared highway congestion areas in the region due to the loss of rail and water ports. He talked about the political fragmentation that has occurred here and how much the congressional clout has decreased. He suggested that planners think about these situations with a civic agenda and use models of stewardship and smartgrowth. A brief question and answer period followed.

Landman thanked Soule for his presentation and called the Business Meeting to Order at 9:10 p.m.

**I. Minutes of May 18, 2005**

*Stoller moved to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2005 as presented; Tocci seconded. SO VOTED. Ingram abstained.*

**II. Treasurer's Report – 2004 Audit**

Coppelman noted that the Commission has had a lean year and funds have been tight. He acknowledged the sacrifices staff has made and their effort to work within the budget. He thanked Sinnott and Pettengill for their management of the budget and their fiscal diligence. He stated that the 2004 Financial Audit has been completed and endorsed by the Executive Committee, and it's a clean audit with no findings or management recommendations. *Tocci moved to accept the FY 2004 Financial Audit; Stoller seconded. SO VOTED.*

**III. Election of Officers/Executive Committee for FY 2006**

Landman thanked the Board for their support in the past year and noted that he thoroughly enjoyed being the Chairman. He encouraged others to join a committee or volunteer to be a part of the Executive Committee. Landman presented the Slate of Officers as seen in Attachment 3 and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, he closed the nominations and asked for a motion. *Bambury moved to approve the Executive Committee Slate of Officers FY 2006 as presented; Ingram seconded. SO VOTED.*

**IV. Awards; Recognition**

Landman presented T. Moore with a 5 year certificate; G. Coppelman – 20 years; K. Weyler – 25 years; and S. Hastings – 30 years

Sinnott presented a certificate of appreciation to Theresa Walker for 10 years of work in natural resources, the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee; and many other land trust and conservation organizations. He also presented Pettengill with a gift certificate in celebration of her 20 year anniversary at the RPC.

Sinnott welcomed the Quinlans and explained that it's been nearly a dozen years since Dan Quinlan was in our midst, but his generous, supportive and thoughtful nature remains clear in many memories. He was sold on regional planning and wanted his community to receive all the benefits of such an organization. He was dedicated to his family and friends and to the committees and groups he volunteered for. Just as Dan had high ideals and a strong community and regional sense, so does the recipient of the Daniel Quinlan Award for Achievement in Community and Regional Planning. Sinnott presented Senter with the Dan Quinlan Award.

Senter is an extremely dedicated citizen of her community and the region and has a lengthy list of community and public organizations to which she is or has been a member. Some of these include, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, CIP, Library Committee, Landfill Closure Committee, Plaistow Highway Safety Committee, State Representative, RPC Master Plan Committee, NEARC, NHARPC, NHMA, and the Greater Derry/Salem RTC. She is generous in giving of her time and efforts and has been a member of the RPC for nine years and makes a perfect recipient for the Quinlan award. Senter thanked everyone and encouraged everyone to give time to public service because the rewards are so great

and she has learned so much through her service. She stated that she enjoys the commission because no matter how different people feel about the issues discussed, they continue to get along and work together for the good of the region as a whole. Those in attendance gave her a standing ovation.

**V. Other Business**

Stoller presented Landman with a Certificate for 10 years of service to the RPC and thanked him for giving so much passion to the issues. Sinnott presented Stoller with a guidebook to get her through the coming year as Chairman and presented Landman with a map of North Hampton and his home. Stolle asked that all staff members stand up and be recognized and stated she looks forward to the coming year as Chairman.

*Smith moved to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.; Tocci seconded. **SO VOTED.***

Respectfully submitted,

Annette L. Pettengill  
Recording Secretary