

**MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING**

**ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION
June 14, 2006
Kingston 1686 Restaurant**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: A. Stoller, Chairperson, L. Maloney, P. Griffin (Windham); B. Goodrich, M. Wool (Stratham); C. Coppelman, K. Weyler (Kingston); R. Day, L. Smith (East Kingston); T. Tocci (Hampton Falls); Lionel Ingram, F. Griffin (Exeter); D. Cooney (Salem); M. Senter (Plaistow); W. Bambury, J. Payzant (Hampton); S. Hastings (Hampstead); G. Fredette (Salem); V. Azzi (Rye)

STAFF: C. Sinnott (Executive Director); G. Greenwood (Assistant Director); R. Rines (Office Administrator); D. Walker (Sr. Transportation Planner); A. Pettengill (Business Manager); S. Bogle (Sr. Transportation Planner)

GUESTS: T. Peters, N. Szanton, I. Goodrich, C. Weyler, S. Day, M. Tocci, T. Ingram, I. Bambury, C. Hastings, C. Payzant, R. Griffin, L. Komornick, B. Federico, H. Siudut

6:00 – 7:00 Social Hour

7:00 – 8:00 Dinner

8:00 Annual Meeting Program

Stoller welcomed those in attendance and introduced Nathan Szanton, Managing Principal, New England Workforce Housing LLC. Szanton presented a slide show of workforce housing projects and the challenges that were involved with each one. He stated that a consistent problem is legacy zoning. Many towns have zoning that have unrealistic parking spaces requirement. He has been able to work with planning and zoning boards to show them that 1.2 per unit is a sufficient ratio for this type of housing if located in a downtown situation where shared parking and smaller households reduce the need compared to conventional residential development.

He suggested that local officials can bring workforce housing to their town if they do three things: Redefine the parking requirements; Do a buildout with the current zoning in place; Be proactive by defining the development you want and then approach good, reputable developers to explain what you are seeking.

Questions and discussion followed.

8:45 Commission Business Meeting

I. Minutes of May 10, 2006

Tocci noted a correction to Page 3, Item VII. Other Business, B. should read....."members of the Executive Committee are limited to four *members.*"

Coppelman moved to approve Minutes of May 10, 2006 as amended; Smith seconded. SO VOTED. Two abstentions

II. Election of Officers/Executive Committee FY 2007

Refer to Attachment 2: Slate as follows: Chairman-Glenn Coppelman; Vice Chair-Ted Tocci; Secretary-Peter Griffin; Treasurer-Susan Hastings; Past Chair-Annette Stoller

At Large Members: Griffin, Holden, Bambury, Ellis

At Large Alternates: Brown, Landman, Moore, Olney

Stoller noted that Ellis has subsequently resigned and requested nominations from the floor. . *Weyler moved to nominate Cooney to fill Ellis position as at large member of Executive Committee; Bambury seconded. SO VOTED.*

Weyler moved to accept the Proposed Slate of Officers as amended; Day seconded. SO VOTED.

III. Awards; Recognition

Stoller presented service awards to the following: S. Perry-35 yrs; W. Bambury-10 yrs; C. Cross-10 yrs; M.Senter-10 yrs; J.Payzant-10 yrs; B. Brown-5 yrs; G. English-5 yrs

Stoller presented the Daniel Quinlan award to Cliff Sinnott after giving a whimsical list of clues to identify him as the recipient. She stated that Sinnott not only guides the Planning Commission through cooperation

between communities and regional planning, but also has been instrumental in many local transportation projects for the region. His ability to bring both sides of an issue together to find a solution makes him the perfect recipient of this award. Sinnott thanked the Commission and especially Stoller for getting to the nuts and bolts of regional planning during her tenure as Chairperson. He noted that staff and commissioners work more as a collective body now. He presented Stoller with a gift from the staff.

IV. Other Business

July 12th Meeting: Sandy Point was not available; swapped with September; Clay Mitchell to speak on alternative municipal energy options and tidal power proposal before the energy siting board. Sinnott explained the option of the Commission to gain intervener status in the proposal.

Executive Committee to look at meeting schedule on June 28th. Weyler suggested future topics such as dredging of the channel in Newington/Sprague Oil or bridge repair on I95.

Coppelman agreed that the Commission should be involved in the tidal power proposal before the siting Board and general consensus was to file as interveners in the process.

Goodrich suggested future discussion on the "NH Big Dig", the regional sewer outfall project, since it involves estuaries, sewerage and ocean and suggested the Commission give Sinnott guidance since he sits at the table. Sinnott indicated his willingness to take guidance and noted that Smith is also on the Committee. It was suggested that this be a topic for September.

V. Adjourn

*Cooney moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.; Weyler seconded. **SO VOTED.***

Respectfully submitted,

Annette L. Pettengill
Recording Secretary