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MEMORANDUM

TO: RPC Commissioners
FROM: Executive Committee; Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director
DATE: March 12, 2007
SUBJECT: **Executive Committee Report**

The following summarizes items discussed and/or acted on at the last Executive Committee meetings held at the Commission Office on January 24, 2007.

Status of Action Items: A letter has been sent to the Hampton Beach Commission indicating conditional support for the concept of developing the proposed Earth, Sea, Space Museum at Hampton Beach; the condition is based that the museum develop its programs and marketing in cooperation with, rather than in competition with existing museums in the Seacoast area. The Regional Impact Committee has been asked to finalize its criteria and guidance for determining regional impact and to report that to the Executive Committee. Staff is cooperating with NH Coastal Program in a Tidal Energy Workshop, to be held February 23 at the DES office at Pease..

Communications: A major regional development has been proposed for the Town of Hudson; The NRPC will be calling a meeting in the near future of the Towns and RPC to discuss the scope of impacts. Sinnott reported that he, Coppelman and Stoller attended Bob Ellis's memorial service in Salem, and noted that Ellis's RPC Award was displayed along with others that he had received.

Financial Reports: The FY 07 Financial report for December 2006 was reviewed; this is based on the amended budget. Sinnott noted that contracted printing is over due to RPC decisions to print hard copies of the Land Conservation Plan for Coastal Watersheds for all planning boards in the study area. Miscellaneous lien item is over-budget due to our acting as the fiscal agent for NHCP's Fall Coastal Zone Management Conference. The RPC incurred the expenses for the workshop, which was offset by the registration income. The Subscriptions and Dues item is due to the front-loading of membership dues in the fiscal year.

New Logo/Graphics Design: Sinnott presented a proposal submitted by Catherine Arakelian indicating costs for a number different graphic design components options. Cathy has done work for the Land Trust, ERLAC and for the RPC (logo design for the American Independence Byway). The Committee authorized spending up to \$2000 design for a new logo, (letterhead/envelops, business cards), folder, newsletter, and website graphics.

Project Status: Sinnott review the Project Status Report, updated through December. The following projects are indicated as being behind schedule: Greenland MP and Buildout; Atkinson MP; Epping Rd. Corridor Study; Traffic Impact Guide; MAnch-Ports. Bus Study; TBG Regional Master Plan components. In some cases these started late in the contracting period; in others the lack of full staffing delayed progress. Full staffing should, over time, alleviate these problems.

MPO Redesignation: Coppelman, Sinnott, Copeland and Ortmann (SRPC Chair) met with Carol Murray and Jeff Brillhart to review the redesignation proposal; they are supportive and will supply a general letter of support addressed to communities in the combined MPO area.

Other: The upcoming meeting calendar was reviewed: February (Exeter): Context Sensitive Design; March (Hampton): Bev Hollingworth; May (Plaistow): transportation issues.; For the sake of consistency, it was decided that Executive Committee meetings will be held on fourth Wednesday of the month, not necessarily the 'last' Wednesday of the month.

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