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**SALEM-PLAISTOW-WINDHAM
TAC Committee Meeting
MINUTES**

Friday, January 25, 2002
Hampstead Town Offices

Members Present: Ellen Faulconer, Chair, Kingston; Joe Guthrie, Hampstead; Richard Cooney, Salem; Tom Case, Windham; Mary Allen, and Steve Laurin, Newton; Marilyn Senter, Plaistow; and Subramanian Sharma, DOT.

Others Present: Charles Macklin, DOT.

Staff Present: Dave Walker, Scott Bogle and Roxanne Rines, RPC.

Meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what municipality they were from or the agency they represented.

2. Staff Communications

Walker stated there is an MPO Policy Meeting on January 31st, the agenda includes a TIP amendment for adoption.

3. Approval of November 30, 2001, Minutes

Motion: **Laurin** made a motion to accept the minutes of November 30, 2001. **Ellen** seconded the motion and stated she isn't from East Kingston. **Motion carried with abstentions.**

4. State Planning & Research Grant Proposals (Round 3)

Walker stated the state is using the grant to fund innovative studies within the MPO's and Planning Commissions, the largest amount of funding is \$50,000, plus the match. The first year the RPC did a study in Portsmouth on Ocean Road. There is an ongoing study on Route 1, the entire length of the corridor.

There hasn't been a funded study in the SPW region, he asked for innovative ideas for studies that might be undertaken. The one catch is that there is a matching fund, the RPC is willing to do both a time and money match. It is also a good idea if the study involves more than one town, then the burden can be shared.

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He continued that the applications are due at DOT by April 1st. Members discussed project ideas and access management. **Walker** stated there is a 20% funding match, but that anything over that could be in-kind and asked that members get their ideas to staff before March 1, 2002; the sooner the better.

5. Long Range Transportation Plan

Bogle distributed a revised timeline, a notice about upcoming public hearings, a draft survey, and a sample of the agenda that was used for the Seacoast region.

Bogle stated that there will be interim meetings in April and June dedicated to chapter review. The legal notices announcing the public hearings has been published. The public hearings will be Tuesday, February 19th, at Salem Town Hall and Wednesday, February 20th, at Plaistow Public Library.

He continued that should an MPO at the Mall be held, it will be at The Mall at Rockingham Park. After researching the Seacoast area, staff found that the mall is very restrictive. Staff could use a vendors cart; however, all displays must be attached to the cart and there can be no solicitation. Staff will wait until after the Seacoast event, to decide if an event will be held in the SPW region. **Faulconer** stated if the TAC meeting is April 26th, she will not be able to attend.

Bogle asked members for suggestions or changes on the draft survey. Member suggestions included: handing the survey out at deliberate session and on voting day; including instructions of where and how to return the surveys; do not use SPW title, use your Town/Region.

Bogle asked if members would find volunteers to handle the surveys at the deliberative session and on voting day. **Allen** stated on question 8, she would like the word "transit" replaced with "bus and train". Other suggestions were: add "additional" on question 8; include an introduction about the 20-year plan; and the answers to question 3 should be ranked or put into priority (1-5). **Bogle** will send a revised copy of the survey to members next week.

Bogle reviewed the agenda that was used in the Seacoast visioning session.

6. Project Updates

NH 125/121A/Hazeltine Street – **Senter** stated the Town of Plaistow is writing a letter to the 125 Task Force informing them that south of the overpass needs to be studied.

I-93 – no new information

Portland to Boston – **Walker** stated the service started on December 15, 2001, and that the service averages 800 passengers per day. **Sharma** distributed ridership numbers from NEPRA and explained the handout.

Salem Park & Ride – **Walker** stated Cisco was going to allow the use of their lot; however, the transit provider has no interest.

125 Plaistow/Kingston Study – **Senter** stated the next meeting in February 14th, at 6:30 pm, in Kingston.

Bogle stated an organization TE & CMAQ meeting has been scheduled for late February and the hearings will be held in March.

Senter stated it appears that PATAC meetings will resume.

Walker stated the March 29th, TAC meeting will be in Hampstead.

7. Adjourn

Motion: Senter made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. **Laurin** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines