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Rockingham Planning Commission Appoints Next Executive Director

EXETER, N.H. May 31, 2017 – The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) is pleased to announce that it has appointed Timothy Roache of Stratham NH to be Executive Director beginning August 1. The RPC is one of nine regional planning commissions in the State and provides regional land-use, transportation and community planning services to 27 southeastern New Hampshire municipalities. Mr. Roache will be responsible for overall management of the agency and will work with the Commission's highly experienced staff, its Executive Committee and community representatives on policy and strategic planning initiatives. He will succeed Cliff Sinnott who is retiring at the end of July after serving as RPC's Executive Director for nearly 30 years.



Mr Roache's career includes positions in the land-use planning, environmental and transportation fields. He comes to the Commission as the highly regarded Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, another of the state's nine regional planning commissions. Phillip Wilson, Chair of the Rockingham Planning Commission, said "the Commission is truly fortunate to be able to attract an accomplished and innovative leader like Tim Roache to fill the Executive Director position. Not only has Mr. Roache proven that he can successfully lead a regional planning commission, but he has demonstrated deep technical knowledge of transportation and land-use planning work, as well as creativity in addressing the fiscal challenges that planning commissions face today."

As a resident of Stratham for many years, Mr. Roache is already familiar with its characteristics, as well as the challenges facing the Commission's member communities. "I am committed to reaching out to each member municipality and leading new initiatives for regional cooperation", Roache commented. During his planning career in New Hampshire Roache has regularly interacted with RPC staff and Commissioners, giving him a vital head start in understanding community needs and in managing the agency. "I am drawn to this opportunity in part to make a positive impact on the region that my family and I call home," Roache said.

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