



## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

UVLSRPC Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday June 1, 2011  
UVLSRPC offices, Lebanon

### Committee Present:

Katherine Connolly, Hanover  
Larry LeClair, Lebanon  
Aaron Simpson, Sunapee  
Steve Schneider, Enfield  
Kevin Lee, Springfield

### Others:

Christine Walker, staff  
Bernie Foltz, Claremont

- The meeting was called to order by Aaron at 5:00
- **Minutes from April were approved by motion of Kate/Steve.**
- Christine explained that the nine regional planning commissions in NH were going to apply for funding again through the Regional Planning Grant from the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Bernie asked if the municipalities could apply for this funding as well. Christine responded that the regional planning grant is for large regions (much larger than one RPC) and must include a regional organization. What Claremont had applied for last year was the Community Challenge grant which Christine believed would be available again, but to date there was no word from HUD. The Community Challenge grant communities could/should apply to for funding. The Commission will be applying for these funds again, as last year's success makes any application the Commission puts forward more competitive.
- After Christine outlined the Household Hazardous Waste contract, **by motion of Aaron/Kate the Committee agreed to bring this to the full Commission for approval at the annual meeting as it was not on the Work Plan that was sent out for the meeting.**
- Aaron asked for an overview of the Work Plan that is being proposed at the Annual Meeting. After Christine provided some general background, **by motion of Kate/Steve the Committee agreed to recommend the Work Plan as presented with the addition of the Household Hazardous Waste contract. All agreed.**
- There was some question about continuing the discussion of creating a non-profit organization. Aaron did not feel that it would be worth the time and effort. It was agreed to keep it on the agenda and discuss it again.
- Under Announcements: A tour of the Connecticut River National Scenic Byway will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow. The new website is up and running and will be the featured event at the Annual Meeting. Christine had attended a peer exchange in Asheville, NC sponsored and fully paid by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) in which a number of regional efforts were discussed, toured and will be very helpful in applying for HUD Sustainable Communities funding in the future. Christine has nominated Nate Miller to be the NADO Rural Planning Organization of America Council of Peers for rural

- transportation. Nate would be the point person and liaison for the state of NH.
- The Annual Meeting was discussed which will consist of light dinner, entertainment and an overview of the new Commission website.
  - Christine reported out that the Nominating Committee had met and they will be sending out their recommendations for Officers and At-large members with the information for the Annual Meeting.
  - Christine also mentioned that there needs to be a new Commissioner appointed to the Upper Valley Housing Coalition since Paul Mayo Commissioner from Lyme has resigned due to taking a job in Massachusetts.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25

Minutes prepared by Christine Walker