



**Granite State Future**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
September 12, 2013 | 1:00-3:00 PM  
NH Local Government Center  
25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH 03301

**Meeting Notes – Draft**

**Members Present:**

Mike Tardiff, Central NH Planning Commission  
Kimon Koulet, Lakes Region Planning Commission  
Kerrie Diers, Nashua Regional Planning Comm.  
Jeff Hayes, North Country Council  
Cliff Sinnott, Rockingham Planning Commission  
David Preece, Southern NH Planning Commission  
Tim Murphy, Southwest Region Planning Comm.

**Absent:**

Cynthia Copeland, Strafford RPC  
Christine Walker, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Czysz, Nashua Regional Planning Comm.

C. Sinnott called the meeting to order at 1:00.

**1. Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**2. NH Listens Final Report**

No additional comments on the report at this time. Any comments identified after the meeting will be accepted through Friday September 13, 2013. NH Listens is in final editing and production. J. Czysz will post the final report to the “Our Plans” page of the GSF website once complete.

**3. UNH Survey Center Final Reports and Invoicing**

No additional comments on the reports were identified at this time. Comments on the draft regional oversample reports are due by September 19, 2013 and should be submitted to S. Bogle at Rockingham Planning Commission. The committee then discussed interpretation of some of the findings and what can appropriately be inferred from the data. The survey and sample does tell a story, but readers and users of the survey must be careful to not overstate what the data means.

C. Sinnot suggested that the RPCs divide the effort to draft interpretation guidance based on the statewide survey results. These could then in turn be used by each to interpret their regional oversample results. Each RPC selected a topic as follows:

- Broadband – SWRPC
- Transportation – CNHRPC
- Housing – NRPC
- Environment - LRPC
- Community Development – NCC
- Emergency Preparedness – SNHPC
- Energy Policies - RPC
- Priorities for Investing Public Dollars – UVLSRPC/SRPC

S. Bogle and J. Czyns will coordinate the effort and staff that served on the survey development team will be the primary points of contact to draft the guidance. Initially, once compiled, the narratives will serve as internal guidance for survey result users. The individual section drafts should be approximately one-half to one page, depending on the number of questions within the topic, of narrative that outlines what the results mean and how they can be interpreted. For example, within the broadband questions the report says 92% have adequate internet service. The 92% represents residents, not businesses or places. The 92% cannot be extrapolated to infer that the same share of businesses find their internet access as adequate as businesses were not included in the survey sample. To determine the percent of places or municipalities where residents found their service to be adequate, the survey data would have to be cross-tabulated with location data included as part of the demographic questions.

J. Czyns noted that the UNH Survey Center invoice had been received and processed. All RPCs should have received information on how to revise their budget accordingly to deduct for their share of the oversampling costs. Please submit August invoices as normal. Revised budgets are due by September 30, 2013 and September invoices should be submitted using the revised budget amounts. J. Czyns will forward a copy of the final UNH Survey invoice to all for their records.

#### **4. Scenario Planning**

All discussed the pros and cons identified as a result of the two software product demonstrations conducted on September 9, 2013. Most regions decided to purchase Community Viz. NRPC will inquire with the company whether bulk purchasing would be an option and if any savings could be achieved, if not in the cost of the software, then additional technical assistance.

Can we have a conversation about how the software will be used and what models will be conducted?

D. Preece noted that SNHPC will just be using REMI and the Travel Demand Model to test alternative outcomes under different parameters; current growth and increased growth. J. Hayes noted that NCC will just use REMI modeling.

C. Sinnott noted that the modeling that could be performed with Community Viz would be on the build-out analysis level; REMI would give your economic outcomes, and the travel demand model traffic inputs. T. Murphy asked shouldn't we be trying to tie the three models together to get a more holistic image of what the future outcome could be.

All RPCs were interested in collaborating on data and concept development in order to develop and test meaningful scenarios. The first step would be to have R. Pruyne conduct a software tutorial webinar for

staff. J. Czysz will set up a doodle poll for the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ideally, all would have the software installed, at least the 30 day trial version. J. Czysz will set up Go-To-Meeting for the training so all can participate remotely, which would allow for simultaneous viewing of R. Pruyne's demo and using the software locally on their own computer. The demo webinar would be followed by a second meeting where staff can collaboratively develop possibly scenarios and discuss data requirements.

#### **5. November Statewide Convening**

J. Czysz described the all-day statewide convening planned for November. The morning would include presentations of the three statewide studies completed: NH Listens, UNH Survey Center report, and Climate Change Assessments. Unfortunately, there is no one date when all three are available. November 4, 2013 had the greatest number of available participants. It was suggested that J. Czysz call Dr. Wake to discern whether a grad student or other individual could present the Climate Assessments on November 4<sup>th</sup> and to move forward with that date for the event.

Additionally, each RPC will have 5-10 minutes to present their key findings of regional needs based on outreach efforts. J. Czysz will also invite NHHFA to present preliminary findings of their housing preferences study. The afternoon would consist of 6 simultaneous TASC meetings to brainstorm recommendations and discuss local, regional and state level opportunities for collaboration and potential implementation actions.

#### **6. Other Business**

There was no further business to be discussed.

#### **7. Public Comments and Questions**

Seeing no comments from the public, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.