



**Granite State Future
Statewide Advisory Committee Meeting**

June 11, 2013 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM
NH Legislative Office Building, Room 201
33 N State St, Concord, NH 03301

Agenda

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Project Overview**
- 3. Presentation of Public Outreach Tools**
 - a. “Share Your Ideas!” Online database
 - b. Regional Online Forums
- 4. Roundtable Discussion, Public Comments, and Questions**
 - a. What would you, as elected leaders, like to learn from the regional plans?
 - b. What are important issues you see in your region or community?
 - c. Where do you see opportunities for collaboration?
- 5. Next Meeting**

August 22, 2013: Meeting theme – Business Leaders Roundtable
- 6. Other Business**





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Meeting Notes

Members Present

Deborah Avery, Business Resource Center, NH Det of Resources and Economic Development
Joanne Cassulo, NH Office of Energy and Planning
Cynthia Copeland, Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Glenn Coppelman, Community Development Finance Authority
Ben Frost, NH Housing Finance Authority
Terry Johnson, HEAL
Bruce Mallory, UNH Carsey Institute, NH Listens
Van McLeod, Department of Cultural Resources
Kevin Peterson, NH Charitable Foundation
Carolyn Russell, NH Department of Environmental Services

Members Present (continued)

Michael Tardiff, Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Members Not Present

Vacant, NH Municipal Association
Mark Sanborn, NH Department of Transportation
Terry Smith, NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance
Jeff Hayes, North Country Council

Staff

Jen Czysz, Nashua Regional Planning Commission
Kerrie Diers, Nashua Regional Planning Commission

The meeting convened at 9:35 AM.

1. Introductions

K. Diers welcomed everyone and noted that the committee chair was unable to attend the meeting. Seeing no objections, B. Frost volunteered to serve as chair pro tempore.

Committee members were joined around the table for a round table discussion with state elected leaders. All went around the room and introduced themselves.

2. Project Overview

J. Czysz gave a brief overview of the project and status to date. A full copy of the presentation is included at the end of the meeting notes along with a copy of two handouts: an overview of the

Regional Online Forum and Regional Plan Framework. Also distributed was a copy of the Granite State Future Frequently Asked Questions, available [online](#).

3. Presentation of Public Outreach Tools

J. Czysz demonstrated the opportunities for State Legislators to collect input from their constituents via two online public input tools developed by the Regional Planning Commission for the purpose of collecting input into the regional plans.

“Share Your Ideas!” Online Database: The “Share Your Ideas!” data base is accessible from the Granite State Future home page (www.granitestatefuture.org) and allows users to respond to two questions: What do you like best about this area? And, What could be better? All comments are attributed to a municipality and region and can be queried by any visitors to the website by town or key word. Knowing that not all people would be inclined to respond to an online survey, the RPC staff also attended as many events as they could in the region and collected additional responses via comment cards that were manually entered into the online database.

Regional Online Forums: As noted above, a summary of the Regional Online Forums distributed at the meeting is included at the end of the meeting notes. J. Czysz demonstrated how users can place a pin anywhere on the map, add a comment or idea, vote on existing ideas, or propose alternative suggestions. There is a complimentary topic based component to the map based portion of the forum for non-place based comments.

4. Roundtable Discussion, Public Comments, and Questions

B. Frost introduced three questions that the RPCs would specifically like to discuss and solicit feedback from State Legislators. These included:

- a. What would you, as elected leaders, like to learn from the regional plans?
- b. What are important issues you see in your region or community?
- c. Where do you see opportunities for collaboration?

Much of the conversation was centered upon responding to fundamental questions about the RPCs scope of work and funding, and was similar in nature to the Granite State Future Frequently Asked Questions that is available [online](#). The following is a summary of responses received during the conversation.

What would you like to learn from the regional plans?

- Telecommunications, broadband important for our economy to expand
- Health care – a regional endeavor, often too large for an individual community to take on (hospitals)
- Sustainability has different definitions for all
- Make sure that the plans are balance and represent all voices
- Real time sharing of data with state agencies as it’s collected - be proactive in sharing data
- How can communities find common issues and opportunities where there may be regional impacts from growth

What are important issues you see in your region or community?

- Prepare for growth pressures
- Vitality of the airport

- Access to Route 3 and 93

Where do you see opportunities for collaboration?

- Forums for communication
- Continued opportunities for discussions and input

Other Concerns:

- Were there Federal strings from HUD-EPA-DOT?
- “Sustainability” as a term concerns much of the public
- Concerned about water sustainability commission
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing – what are the implications to municipalities?

5. Next Meeting

August 22, 2013, 1:30-3:30, location to be determined. The meeting will include a Business Leaders Roundtable discussion. J. Czysz will work with staff from DRED to set up the next meeting.


6. Other Business

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.



Granite State Future
Roundtable Discussion with NH's Elected Leaders



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NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS

- North Country Council
Bethlehem, NH
- Lakes Region Planning Commission
Meredith, NH
- Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC
Lebanon, NH
- Southwest Region Planning Comm.
Keene, NH
- Central NH Regional Planning Commission
Concord, NH
- Southern NH Planning Commission
Manchester, NH
- Nashua Regional Planning Commission
Merrimack, NH
- Rockingham Planning Commission
Exeter, NH
- Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Rochester, NH

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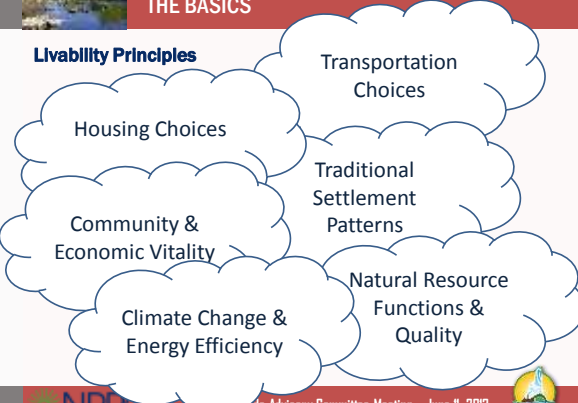



CONNECTIONS

Linking Local, Regional, and State Planning

- State Development Plan
RSA 9-A
- Regional Planning
RSA 36:47
- Local Master Plan
RSA 674:2

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THE BASICS

Livability Principles

- Housing Choices
- Transportation Choices
- Community & Economic Vitality
- Traditional Settlement Patterns
- Climate Change & Energy Efficiency
- Natural Resource Functions & Quality

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PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Phase 1 – 2012

- Existing Trends and Conditions
- Planning Framework
- Common Data
- Preliminary Outreach

We are Here → **Phase 2 – 2013 - 2014**

- Regional Comprehensive Needs Assessments
- Vision, goals, strategies & implementation
- Technical Studies and Analyses
- Scenario Planning

Phase 3 – 2014

- Regional Plan Adoption
- Statewide Snapshot
- Implementation

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REGIONAL PLAN CONTENT

Consistent for Regional Plans

- Vision and Goals
- Environment
- The Region's Story
- Economic Development
- Implementation
- Climate Change
- Housing
- Energy Efficiency
- Transportation
- Needs Assessment
- Water Infrastructure
- Scenario Planning

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PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Interrelationship of the Regional Plan Components and the NH Livability Principles

	NH Livability Principles	Compact Development Patterns	Housing Choices	Transportation Choices	Natural Resource Functions and Quality	Community and Economic Vitality	Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Creating Opportunity/Quality & Engagement
Housing								
Regional Transportation Plan								
Water Infrastructure Plan								
Environmental Plan								
Economic Development Plan								
Comprehensive Climate Change Impacts								
Energy Efficiency and Green Building Strategy								
Scenario Planning								

Degree of Interrelationships Key
 Greatest
 Least

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PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Transportation
Housing
Environment
Water Infrastructure

Energy Efficiency & Green Building
Community & Economic Vitality

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COMMON OUTREACH EFFORTS

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GET INVOLVED in the Regional Plan

Ensure that your ideas are represented in regional visioning and planning – outcomes are often defined by those who show up!

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Committees and Workshops

MISSED THE WORKSHOP?

TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP 3/15/2013

- Transportation
- Environment
- Water/Water Quality & Energy
- Housing/Community & Economic Vitality

HOUSING WORKSHOP 3/29/2013

- Housing
- Community & Economic Vitality
- Environment
- Water/Water Quality & Energy

MISSED THE MEETING?

NRPC'S REGIONAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEES

Regional Plan Advisory Subcommittee: Advisory Subcommittees

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Meetings: 2x/yr
- Website: 2013

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Open to all for advisory meetings

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Open to all for advisory meetings

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Meetings: 2x/yr for advisory meetings

HOUSING COMMITTEE

- Open to all for advisory meetings

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MORE INFORMATION

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GRANITE STATE FUTURE The Online Forum

This is an interactive mapping tool where you can share what you value about your community, or what might make it better. Leave comments for others to vote on, and/or comment and vote on what is already there. It is very important that you **zoom in** to the area that you want to comment on.

TO ACCESS THE FORUM

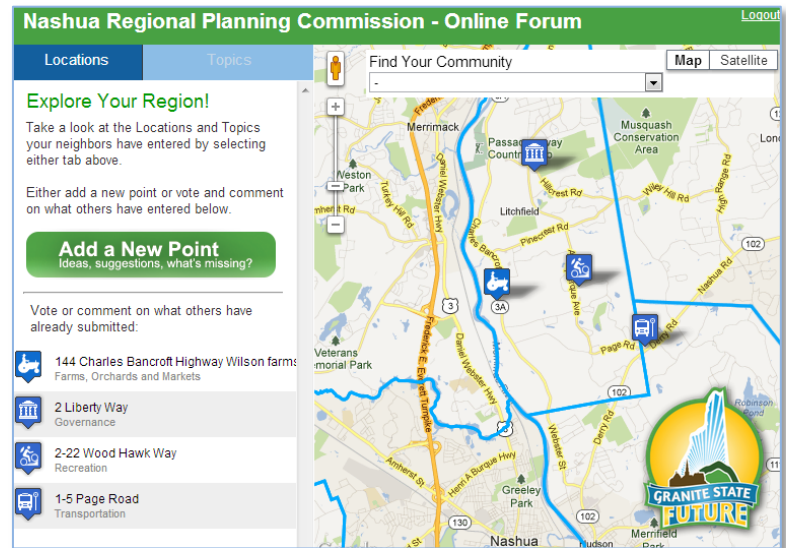
- Visit granitestatefuture.org/regions
- Select your region
- Click the Green Button:



- Enter your zip code

PLACE A VIRTUAL PIN ON THE MAP

- Tell us what is important to you in the region and why.
- What are your favorite places?
- What places do you think are important?
- What kinds of improvements are needed?



Enter as many locations on the map as you want. Search the map, zoom to your community, use Google Maps and Street View to explore the region. (Note: You cannot place pins while in Street View.)

COMMENT ON REGIONAL TOPICS

Share your thoughts and opinions about important topics affecting your community, your family, your friends and neighbors.

VOTE AND RESPOND TO OTHERS

The Forum has been designed for you to respond to what others have entered. You can vote (once per comment) and add your own comments. Visit the Regional Forum as many times as you like to check in and see what others are talking about.

PARTICIPATION

When you first enter the Regional Forum you will be asked your Zip Code. If you are interested in learning more or want to receive updates on the project you are invited to share your e-mail address. We will never post your e-mail address with your comment, send you unsolicited e-mails, or sell your email address to third parties.

COMMENT REVIEW AND SCREENING

All comments will be screened for spam or inappropriate content.

Enjoy, have fun and give us as much input as you want. And don't forget to share this link with your friends, colleagues, relatives and others.



GRANITE STATE FUTURE Regional Plan Framework

Granite State Future’s Technical Advisory Subcommittees (TASCs), made up of transportation, housing, water, economic development, natural resources and other infrastructure professionals, used the NH Livability Principles as a framework to discuss and compile the many resources in NH; policies, recommendations, and questions that regional plans should consider; existing conditions and trends; and a variety of metrics for measuring progress. These resources, policies and existing conditions represent preliminary background research for RPC staff and have been compiled in an effort to streamline the research process. Each RPC will supplement these materials with more local and regionally specific materials and information.

DOWNLOAD THE REGIONAL PLAN FRAMEWORK AND APPENDICES

<http://www.granitestatefuture.org/our-plans/>

ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES AND COMMON THREADS

- Interrelationship with Local and State Plans
- New Hampshire’s Smart Growth Principles
- The New Hampshire Livability Principles

THE REGIONAL PLAN OUTLINE

- Plan Contents:
 1. Vision
 2. Telling the Story
 3. Prioritized Implementation
 4. Technical Components:
 - A. Housing
 - B. Transportation
 - C. Water Infrastructure
 - D. Environment
 - E. Economic Development
 - F. Climate Change Impacts Assessments
 - G. Energy Efficiency and Green Building
 5. Regional Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment
 6. Scenario Planning Exercises
- Interrelationship of the Livability Principles and Plan Components
- Potential Outcomes to be Evaluated
- Additional Thoughts and Guidance for Regional Plans

Interrelationship of the Regional Plan Components and the NH Livability Principles	NH Livability Principles						
	Compact Development Patterns	Housing Choices	Transportation Choices	Natural Resource Functions and Quality	Community and Economic Vitality	Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Creating Opportunity/Equity & Engagement
Housing	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Regional Transportation Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Water Infrastructure Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Environmental Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Economic Development Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Comprehensive Climate Change Impacts	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Energy Efficiency and Green Building Strategy	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Scenario Planning	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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RESOURCES, POLICIES AND QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN EACH PLAN SECTION

- State Statutes and Agencies
- NH Statewide Plans and Studies
- NH Technical Resources and How-To Guides
- Regional and Local Resources
- National Resources
- Questions to be Considered
- Statewide Policies to be Considered
- Principles and Goals to be Considered
- Other Considerations