

Meeting of the SRPC Commissioners, MPO Policy Committee, & EDD Board

Friday, December 19, 2025 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting (Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office & via Zoom)

1. Introductions:

At 9:05 Chair Paul Rasmussen called the meeting to order and asked for introductions:

Committee members attending in person: Paul Rasmussen, Durham, Peter Nelson, Newmarket; John Mullen, Middleton; Joe Boudreau, Rochester; Sarah Wrightsman, Newmarket; Mike Lerhman, Durham; Matt Towne, Barrington; Steve Brown, Dover; Lee Howlett, Milton; Tom Falk, Madbury; Krista Gringue, Dover; Kean McDermott, Dover; Don Manter, Northwood; John Nute, Milton; Katrin Kasper, Lee; M. Bobinsky, Somersworth.

Staff attending in person: Jen Czysz; Colin Lentz, Michael Polizzotti, Natalie Gemma, Stephen Geis, Mark Davie, Kyle Pimental, Lisa Murphy,

Committee members attending on Zoom: Lindsay Williams, Dover; Barbara Holstein, Rochester; Glen Griswold; Bill Watson, NHDOT; Mac Bevier, NHDES

Staff attending Zoom: Megan Taylor-Fetter

2. Commissioner Roundtable

P. Rasmussen reported on the PFAS situation in Durham, noting that the matter is currently between DES and local landowners. When a well tests positive, the property owner is notified directly.

J. Boudreau shared that the Tri-Cities' warming center is slated to open next year, with Strafford County serving as the administrator for all three cities. Discussions are underway about establishing a permanent site. SRPC has assisted the county with grant applications, which—if funded—will support several key operations.

M. Bobinsky announced that the solar array project is now complete, with infrastructure fully installed and the system expected to begin generating electricity by the end of the month. He also noted ongoing development activity, including a pre-construction meeting for a housing project, along with several additional projects in progress.

M. Richardson shared that a new communications tower has been approved, though concerns have been raised about property values. Some neighbors were not notified because their homes fell outside the required notification radius.

J. Boudreau noted that in Rochester, there is discussion about developing the property currently occupied by Gollicks.



3. Action Items

a. Minutes from October 17, 2025

M. Bobinsky motioned to approve the October 17, 2025 minutes as presented seconded by S. Wrightsman. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

b. Minutes from November 21, 2025

J. Nute motioned to approve the October 17, 2025 minutes as presented seconded by S. Wrightsman. The motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

4. Discussion Items

a. TIP amendment 3 – preview and proposed hearing date

C. Lentz provided a preview of the amendment. He stated that SRPC must process an amendment to the 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and delaying approval until the February 20, 2026 Commission meeting constricts statewide processing of the amendment. Although the January legislative forum was not originally scheduled for SRPC business, the Commission will convene as a full policy group at 8:30 AM on January 16, 2026, with the forum beginning at 9:00 AM. A public hearing and vote on the TIP amendment will take place between 8:30 and 9:00 AM.

b. What do Commissioners want to ask Legislators at the January forum?

C. Lentz asked the group what topics they would like to discuss with legislators. Staff will compile discussion points and send out a summary. The information will also go to legislators so they have a preview of the discussion.

Topics suggested:

- Ten Year Plan
- VW EV charging litigation funds
- Budget deficit. How stable is the budget?
- Economic Development
- Future plans for energy for the NH population
- Growth, what is their awareness federal and state funding
- Regional planning and coordination
- Communication and community engagement with legislators
- Solid waste and recycling
- Housing
- Housing and conservation in tandem
- Childcare
- Elderly care
- Alternative energy resources
- Revenue
- Planning and Zoning Bills and communication with rural communities
- Grant funding for water/sewer infrastructure upgrades.
- What can be done to break down barriers on existing utilities.
- Balance for density for cities and smaller towns

c. RHNA Implementation Workshop – Housing and Conservation



M. Polizotti shared that future SRPC efforts will be aimed at balancing housing and natural resource preservation. This project will draw upon and develop several key sources of data and information, including reviews of master plans, stakeholder interviews, case studies, and cooccurrence analysis to identify housing opportunity and environmental value across the region.

A companion project alongside the comprehensive regional plan update, Forward Thinking, will be a Regional Housing Needs Assessment implementation project. This project aims to equip communities with additional resources and considerations to support thoughtful development patterns that better balance housing and natural resource preservation in the Strafford region. The final product create an illustrated guide that communities can use during master planning updates, zoning updates, conservation planning, and more. This project will draw upon and develop several key sources of data and information, including reviews of master plans, stakeholder interviews, case studies, and cooccurrence analysis to identify housing opportunities and environmental value across the region.

Commissioners were asked to share feedback on the following:

- What conversations are happening in your community about balancing housing and land conservation?
- What conflicts or opportunities present themselves in your community when discussions on housing and land conservation come up?
- What tools you are leveraging at the local level to support these conversations (or what would be helpful)?
- What lessons were learned from past or present projects regarding the balance of development and conservation?

d. Follow up conversations from commissioner 101

The group provided positive feedback and suggested for future 101's to allow more time to discuss core topic areas and for commissioners to get to know each other.

5. Other Business

S. Brown suggested adding infrastructure funding as a topic for a future agenda.

D. Manter reflected on land use planning efforts from the early 1970s, noting that many of the same challenges remain unresolved today.

6. Citizens Forum

There were no citizens comments

7. Adjourn

S. Wrightsman motioned to adjourn. Following a second by K. Kasper and a unanimous vote in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM

