

SRPC REGIONAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, October 16, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm.

Hybrid Meeting (**Room 128A, Rochester Public Works, 209 Chestnut Hill Rd.** & via Teams)

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Agenda Item	Time	Notes
1) Welcome and Introductions	10:30-10:35am	
2) Review of September Minutes	10:35-10:40am	Review draft minutes
3) Review Land Use and Environment Chapter	10:40-11:25am	See memo
4) Citizen's Forum	11:25-11:30am	
5) Adjourn	11:30am	

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Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Be present at the scheduled start of the meeting.

Be respectful of the views of others.

Ensure that only one person talks at a time. Raising your hand to be recognized by the chair or facilitator is good practice.

Do not interrupt others or start talking before someone finishes.

Do not engage in cross talk.

Avoid individual discussions in small groups during the meeting. When one person speaks, others should listen.

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When speaking, participants should adhere to topics of discussion directly related to agenda items.

When speaking, individuals should be brief and concise when speaking.

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Regional Planning Commission

DATE: October 9, 2026

TO: SRPC Regional Plan Subcommittee

FROM: Kyle Pimental, Assistant Director
Michael Polizzotti, Senior Economic Development Planner

RE: October 16, 2026 Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting

Review Land Use & Environment Chapter

Staff have updated and revised the Land Use and Environment chapter draft. The draft will be email to Subcommittee members.

Please review this draft and prepare any feedback you have for the upcoming Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting on October 16th.



SRPC Regional Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee

Meeting 11: Friday, September 18, 2026 | Conference Room 1A

Mr. Polizzotti called the meeting to order at 10:49am.

Members Present

Steve Brown, Dover
Katrin Kasper, Lee
Don Manter, Northwood
Paul Rassmussen, Durham
Sarah Wrightsman, Newmarket
Mark Richardson, Somersworth

Staff Present

Mark Davie, Senior Planner
Kyle Pimental, Assistant Director
Lisa Wise, Regional Planner

Review of August Minutes

Ms. Kasper made a motion to approve the minutes from August as presented. Mr. Rassmussen seconded. All present members voted to approve the August meeting minutes.

Climate Addendum Vision, Themes, and Actions

- Lisa looking for feedback on the vision statement of the climate addendum, talk through some of the themes to highlight, and begin to brainstorm some of the action items.
- In terms of the vision statements, Lisa asks for feedback from the group:
 - Paul likes all three, they all seem to capture what the climate addendum is while also being able to be nimble and flexible as things change.
 - Lisa notes that the very succinct one might feel a little too succinct
 - Katrin is a fan of option 2
 - Don notes that vision statements should be short and concise, but he agrees that option 2 is the best option
 - Steve can live with 2 but likes 3 a little better
 - Feels as though it gets more at the nimbleness
 - Sarah like the idea of three, but does not like the fact that it is three different sentences
 - Mark talks about weather events impacting the River
 - Toss up between two and three
 - Paul notes that two is a slight winner
 - Lisa may adjust 2 a little bit to incorporate some of the feedback
 - From steve: two feels like a list of activities, whereas 3 feels like an activity



- Katrin – maybe we don't need to put reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the vision statement
- From don, can we add the people component to three – “all people can thrive”
- What Lisa did:
 - The What, the actions, and the result
 - Reduce the repetition of the “Stafford region” in each sentence
 - Success!
- Themes (reminder lenses are consistent)
 - Lisa go overs the themes that have emerged from the three components of the regional plan
 - Lisa asks for a gut check on the list of themes:
 - Katrin – the last two feel similar
 - Steve – could it be combined to resilient, healthy, and connected communities? YES
 - Starting with community engagement draws consensus with the group
 - Lisa talks about how content will be provided
- Actions – Lisa wants to brainstorm with the members about top priority actions that SRPC could help advance?
 - Don – legislative backbone to support environmental initiatives
 - Groan from Paul
 - Katrin – for adaptation, there should be short, medium, and long term
 - Kyle asks for clarity – Katrin talks about shortages of food, heating services, etc. – how can we triage
 - Steve – community engagement and health – maybe a series of community conversations around the region that helps people understand what's coming and help us define what we mean by a healthy and connected community?
 - Mark – discusses that “informed” as a word needs to get in there
 - Steve – the challenge is how to get people to show up who don't normally show up? What will enable them to do that?
 - Need to be thoughtful about this
 - Steve brings us back to what are SRPC's roles?
 - Creating our own energy? Locally?
 - Kyle – going back to the short, medium, and long term – we need to make sure that encapsulates the context of the climate addendum, less on administrative decisions
 - Careful Framing – renewable energy and relying on energy sources here, less on the worldwide volatility
 - Same goes for food shortages, etc.
 - Framing – how can we promote small scale agriculture, energy production – self reliance



- Steve – can SRPC work with NH food alliance? Should we have a stronger partnership? Things like this....
- Katrin – also need to focus on actions related to weather resilience, how does the region provide when a town is struggling or facing something?
 - Wildfire risks increasing, river flooding and/or ice dams, etc.
 - Tree/forest diseases, etc
- Lisa asks about other things in terms of land use priorities
 - Katrin – farms, wildlife corridors
 - Steve – should we be looking at things like fire breaks, etc
 - These are good examples of priorities, etc.
 - Katrin – changes to wildlife, invasive species, impacts to our climate, etc.
- Steve – how do we engage with churches, libraries...utilize existing infrastructure? Warming and cooling centers?
 - Kyle – some discussion on how communities could think about this regionally?
 - Paul – single use facilities are so expensive, so how can towns think about facilities being multi-use
 - Steve – can SRPC do an audit on this?

Citizen's Forum

No members of the public present.

Adjourn

Don motioned adjournment; Steve seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11am.

