STRAFFORD
Regional Planning Commission

SRPC REGIONAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, November 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 pm.
Hybrid Meeting (Conference Room 1a & via Teams)

In accordance with RSA 91:A, the Commission requires a minimum of an in-person quorum. To organize this, the Commission staff will confirm the necessary in-person attendance. It is the preference of the Commission that others participate via Teams, however, guests may attend the meeting at the SRPC Office. All participants, both in-person and virtual, can communicate contemporaneously. View the remote access information below.

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

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Meeting Etiquette

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.

Active participation is encouraged from all members.

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

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

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission & Metropolitan Planning Organization holds both public meetings and public hearings.

For public meetings, guests are welcome to observe, but should follow proper meeting etiquette allowing the meeting to proceed uninterrupted. Members of the public who wish to be involved and heard should use venues such as Citizen Forum, Public Hearings, Public Comment Periods, outreach events, seminars, workshops, listening sessions, etc.

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SRPC Regional Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee

Meeting: Friday, October 16, 2026

Mr. Polizzotti called the meeting to order at 11:27am.

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

Staff Present
Michael Polizzotti, Senior Economic Development Planner
Kyle Pimental, Assistant Director
Megan Taylor-Fetter, Office Coordinator

Review of September Minutes

Katrin made a motion to approve the minutes from September conditional to the spelling corrections needed for Paul's last name. **Sarah** seconded this motion. All present members voted to approve the July meeting minutes.

Review LUE Chapter

Kyle provides an overview of the draft chapter as shared with the subcommittee in their meeting packet.

Kyle discusses the components of the regional overview section that was added in this draft and highlights the incorporations of the discussion from past subcommittee meetings highlighting the important considerations between recreation and conservation.

New sections on Great Bay, water infrastructure, damns, along with some of the emerging threats like PFAS.

Discussed the reorganizations of the themes to improve flow.

Paul asks about the trends of land use over time, and if we are planning to develop a future land use map.

Don brings up hydrology and asks about any existing studies on groundwater in the state and what our drinking water capacity is. Can we actually expand beyond what we have now? Do we have capacity for development? Should this be a study that we support in the future?

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Katrin, Sarah, and Mark discuss the constraints of water.

Steve asks about centering the pan around water and resilient infrastructure. He also talks about nature's infrastructure.

Paul asks about how many towns are recharging their aquafers (Durham can take water from the Lamprey and put that water into the ground). Is this a tool that is being used sufficiently throughout the region. Kyle also highlights that there is a mix of surface or groundwater between our communities.

Steve and Paul highlight water recycling systems that we may be able to get inspiration from southwestern US communities. Kyle notes that most people in NH consider ourselves water rich, but we should be more forward looking about this.

Kyle notes that this conversation will help flesh out the education and awareness piece of this chapter.

Don discusses the water issue further and the capacity that our aquifers can handle.

Steve asks about maps SRPC has related to water, Kyle talks about the stratified drift aquifers are, but we don't have numbers on capacity. Steve highlights that this could be an action item in the plan. Also understanding water recycling possibilities. Also how can we develop the regional capacity for collaboration around this? Kyle talks about opportunities for water infrastructure interconnections. Paul notes that examples exist – see the Portsmouth water trunk line from the Bellamy reservoir in Madbury. Katrin asks how do we get set up to do more of that?

Don asks about including language about water resources being a condition for development?

Kyle asks about additional thoughts on the recreation side of the draft or the other themes? Katrin highlights that communication with people in the region is the largest challenge. Steve talks about how in conservation and recreation, it is more than just stewarding them. Katrin discusses heat tolerance, shade trees, etc. – Kyle – salt and sand usage – trees that are drought and salt tolerant.

Paul notes that all natural resources have a limit.

Staff will send out a revised version and ask for feedback from the subcommittee members via email.

Sarah motioned adjournment; **Katrin** seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at **12:10pm**

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DATE: November 13, 2026

TO: SRPC Regional Plan Subcommittee

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

RE: November 20, 2026 Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting

Review Land Use & Environment Chapter and Executive Summary

Staff have updated and revised the Land Use and Environment chapter draft and have drafted an Executive Summary of the regional plan. These drafts will be emailed to Subcommittee members.

Please review these drafts and prepare any feedback you have for the upcoming Regional Plan Subcommittee Meeting on November 20th.