

# WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Charlestown Exeter Hopkinton Narragansett New Shoreham North Kingstown Richmond South Kingstown Westerly

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## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**February 2003**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### WCRPC Representatives and Staff

Dale Grogan, North Kingstown Town Council  
Jim O'Neill, South Kingstown Town Council  
Henry Oppenheimer, Richmond Town Council  
Michael Cerullo, Exeter Town Council  
John Hickey, Narragansett Town Council  
Chris Duhamel, Westerly Town Council  
Kate Waterman, Charlestown Town Council  
Devon Preston, Executive Director

#### Advisory Members and Public

Meg Kerr, URI CRC/ RI Sea Grant

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington County Regional Planning Council (WCRPC) was held on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. at The Washington Trust Company building in Charlestown.

#### Approval of Minutes

There was one amendment proposed to the January meeting minutes. John Hickey, board representative from Narragansett had been inadvertently left off the Transportation Committee, as one of it's two co-chairs. John Hickey (Narragansett) made a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes. Jim O'Neill (South Kingstown) seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

#### Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on the month's activities, and described recent work to promote state funding for the WCRPC (and Aquidneck Island Planning Commission) this year, including a meeting with Mike McMahon, Executive Director of EDC and a presentation at the Grow Smart RI Advisory Council. The ED provided an update on the Conservation Development grants provided to Washington County towns in partnership with Grow Smart RI, funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. There was some concern about the consulting team selected, which was discussed, and it was determined that town staff and planning board officials from each of the participating towns had been present for the final selection of the consultants.

#### South County Sustainable Economy Report Update

Board members Henry Oppenheimer (Richmond) and Mike Cerullo (Exeter), along with Executive Director Devon Preston, update the group on the status of the Sustainable Economy report. The final

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draft was set to be distributed to the WCRPC board and individual town Task Forces the following week, and a final draft of the Executive Summary was to be prepared for distribution at the Congress of Councils on March 13.

## Congress of Councils Planning Session

Final agenda and other planning items for the Congress were discussed.

## WCRPC Organizational Capacity Building

Plans for hiring a new part-time staff person later this spring or early summer were discussed. John Hickey (Narragansett) made a motion to approve the plan in concept; this motion was seconded by Mike Cerullo (Exeter), and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dale Grogan (NK) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim O'Neill (SK).

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Michael Cerullo  
Board Secretary

March 20, 2003