

# WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

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## WCRPC Monthly Meeting Minutes for May, 2002

### *Attendees:*

#### WCRPC Representatives and Staff

Dale Grogan, North Kingstown  
Henry Oppenheimer, Richmond  
Robert Corrigan, Hopkinton  
John Hickey, Narragansett  
Anna Prager, South Kingstown  
Devon Preston, WCRPC

#### Advisory Members and Public

Jason Pezzullo, Hopkinton Planner  
Jim Lamphere, Charlestown Planning  
Jeff Nield, RI DEM  
Alan Desbonnet, RI Sea Grant/ CRC  
Meg Kerr, RI Sea Grant/ CRC

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington County Regional Planning Council (WCRPC) was held on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. at The Washington Trust Company building in Charlestown.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March monthly meeting were approved.

#### Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on the month's activities, which included submitting an application to the Rhode Island Foundation for operational costs for 2002-2003. Plans were made to host a third legislative breakfast on June 14, 2002.

#### Quonset EIS Hearing Update

Dale Grogan, North Kingstown Town Council and WCRPC Board Treasurer, announced two upcoming public hearings, sponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers, being held as part of the scoping process for the Environmental Impact Statement requested by Governor Lincoln Almond on the Quonset port development. North Kingstown and seven other Washington County towns have signed resolutions opposing a deep water port proposal at the Quonset-Davisville site.

#### Working Session: WCRPC Five-Year Action Plan

A draft of the WCRPC Action Plan was discussed and adapted. Three priority issues were identified for the short-term (12-18 months): South County Greenspace Project implementation, property tax reform, and transportation/traffic circulation. (Action Plan work session will continue at the June 20 meeting.)

Meg Kerr, RI SeaGrant/ CRC distributed recently completed report "Study of the Relationship Between the Tourism Industry and the Environment in Washington County, Rhode Island," by a travel and tourism senior seminar at Johnson and Wales University, and provided a brief overview of the findings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Lori Urso, Board Secretary

June 20, 2002