

# 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 June, 2002

### Attendees:

#### WCRPC Representatives and Staff

Dale Grogan, North Kingstown  
Henry Oppenheimer, Richmond  
Lori Urso, Westerly  
John Hickey, Narragansett  
Anna Prager, South Kingstown  
Devon Preston, WCRPC  
Jocelyn Baldwin, WCRPC Intern

#### Advisory Members and Public

Jason Pezzullo, Hopkinton Planner  
Jim Lamphere, Charlestown Planning  
Kris Hermanns, Rhode Island Foundation  
Emilio Dorcely, Rhode Island Foundation  
Yana Kucheva, Rhode Island Foundation  
Meg Kerr, RI Sea Grant/ CRC  
Michael Rauh, Washington Trust Company  
Tom Brillat, WCACC

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington County Regional Planning Council (WCRPC) was held on Thursday, June 20, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. at The Washington Trust Company building in Charlestown.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May monthly meeting were approved.

### Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on the month's activities, which included introducing Jocelyn Baldwin, a graduate student Coastal Fellow at URI who is working for the WCRPC and Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) this summer. Also, the ED reported back on meetings held with Statewide Planning and RI Public Expenditures Council to discuss local dependence on the property tax, how it affects local development decisions, and ways to relieve education funding pressures.

### Executive Committee Update

WCRPC Board Chairman Henry Oppenheimer reported back on the success of the recent legislator's breakfast, which included attendance by six state representatives and senators, and a staff person from Senator Chaffee's office, and focused on open space preservation, economic development and education. He noted that the a follow-up meeting with the legislators was planned for November, at which time the WCRPC will provide some legislation on various issues of interest to the county, for the representatives to champion in the upcoming session. He also reported on a recent meeting where it was decided that the Board Chairman would run the monthly WCRPC meetings.

### Working Session: WCRPC Five-Year Action Plan (Continued from May)

A draft of the WCRPC Action Plan, adapted since the last meeting, was further discussed and adapted. (Action Plan work session will continue at the July 18 meeting.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Lori Urso, Board Secretary

July 18, 2002