

# WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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## WCRPC Monthly Meeting Minutes for July, 2002

### *Attendees:*

#### WCRPC Representatives and Staff

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

#### Advisory Members and Public

Debbie Mechnig, Exeter  
Jim Lamphere, Charlestown Planner  
Michael Rauh, The Washington Trust Company  
Meg Kerr, RI Sea Grant/ CRC  
Scott Millar, RI DEM  
Jason Pezzullo, Hopkinton Planner

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 June monthly meeting were approved.

#### Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on the month's activities, which included a description of two projects being conducted by the WCRPC summer graduate student intern. One, a report on other New England regional planning organizations and lessons for the WCRPC and Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) from their experience, and two, research into the hotel tax and how it benefits Washington County.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Pick-Up Day

Anna Prager of South Kingstown made a motion that the WCRPC request at least one annual pick-up day, or designation of a transfer station for drop-off of hazardous waste, from the Resource Recovery Corporation. E. Robert Corrigan of Hopkinton seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote with all in favor. Dale Grogan of North Kingstown suggested passing our resolution onto the AIPC, as there was some discussion that they have also been interested in a local pick-up day.

#### Update on Greenspace Project

The council discussed with Scott Millar, RI DEM, how and when to present the final South County Greenspace Project to the nine WC town councils. It was decided that the Greenspace project should be presented to town councils at the same time as the Washington County Sustainable Economy Project, which is slightly behind in its schedule. More accurate dates of completion for both projects will be delivered to the council at the next meeting. WCRPC staff will prepare a letter to town councils requesting verification that they are interested in a summary presentation of both projects.

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### Proposal for Conservation Development Work

Devon Preston, WCRPC, and Scott Millar, DEM, presented a memo (attached) from Sheila Brush at Grow Smart RI, describing an opportunity for funding to many South County towns who participate in a “capacity building” initiative as determined by the WCRPC. The board passed a motion, introduced by Anna Prager of South Kingstown, to use this Doris Duke funding offered by Grow Smart for ordinance development work and implementation of Randall Arendt’s community audits. Dale Grogan seconded this motion, adding that those towns not eligible for funding at this time (see attached memo) still be allowed to take advantage of reduced consultant costs that might be realized by a single shared contract for ordinance work in a number of towns. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstained.

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

This marked the final working session of the Five-Year Action Plan. WCRPC staff will make further edits and write an introduction, then distribute to the board for final edits and approval before printing final copies.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Lori Urso, Board Secretary

August 15, 2002