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CHARLESTOWN

EXETER

HOPKINTON

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## Washington County Regional Planning Council

### Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2008

Kettle Pond Visitors Center

## MINUTES

Present:

C. Duhamel, President, Westerly  
H. Oppenheimer, VP, Richmond  
K. Waterman, Secretary, Charlestown  
J. O'Neill, Treasurer, South Kingstown  
R. Torrey, New Shoreham  
B. Kenney, Hopkinton  
C. Ellis, Exeter  
S. Campo, North Kingstown

B. Michael Rauh, Facilitator  
J. Broadhead, Executive Director

Minutes of September 2008 were passed.

Outgoing Board Member Recognition Dinner

- Thursday, December 4, at Liliana's
- Gifts / letters for outgoing members

Personnel Policies were discussed, revisions were made to:

- Martin Luther King Day and Labor Day were added
- Work Week was redefined as employee's normal work week, and except for the Executive Director, part time staff shall not include Mondays in their normal work week.
- A maximum of two weeks vacation carryover are allowed, noting that the Executive Director will work his carryover down to two weeks over 2009.

Water Forum

- Public Forum on Water Quality/Quantity
- Wednesday, November 12
- 10 presenters
- Over 75 attendees
- Very well received

Town Reports

- Charlestown: Awaiting Septic report; negotiating with Leblanc

- for 91 acre Route 1 property.
- North Kingstown: Good financial shape with over \$10mm in undesignated funds
  - South Kingstown: “Waiting for the other shoe to drop” on state/local funding; school funding will be worse; schools and hospitals on “life support”; retirements are a problem; real estate is back to '03 prices.
  - Hopkinton: WDC no longer has option on Bank Street property so that project is dead; 2 of 3 school bonds passed.
  - Westerly: School bond passed with \$30 mm for high school; budget a problem as inflated waterfront prices drop.
  - Richmond: Charter revisions passed; full Town Council complement now.
  - Exeter: 4/5 ballot issues passed; appointed Treasurer did not pass; good new council member.
  - New Shoreham: All Town Council members re-elected by comfortable margins; new ordinance against “Mc-mansions” passed limiting homes to a 5,000 sf footprint, 80,000 cubic feet, 45’ wall plane, 85’ length, 30’ height, and 3% lot coverage; discussion of role of Town Council as Liquor Board.

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Secretary, WCPRC