



Central/Southern NH Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Strategy Committee Meeting Meeting Notes

*Central NH Regional Planning Commission
Horseshoe Pond Place Community Center
26 Commercial Street, Concord, NH 03301
November 29, 2017 - 6:00 PM*

In attendance: Harry Wright, Town of Bradford
Jim Bibbo, Town of Bradford
Thomas Clow, Town of Weare
Chris Nadeau, Nobis Engineering
Laura Buono, Town of Hillsborough
Ed Carroll, Town of New Boston
Bill Klubben, City of Manchester
Matt Taylor, Town of Bow
Stephanie Verdile, Town of Pembroke
Melanie Sanuth, City of Manchester
Chris Wellington, Capital Regional Development Council
Charles Albano, Town of Warner
Jared Reynolds, UNH Cooperative Extension
Dave Pierce, Town of Goffstown
Cam Prolman, SNHPC
Sylvia von Aulock, SNHPC
Matt Monahan, CNHRPC
Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC
Joanne Cassulo, CNHRPC
Katie Nelson, CNHRPC

- I. Introductions: The meeting opened at 6:09 PM. Introductions were made during agenda item II. Project Solicitation Update.
- II. Project Solicitation Update: Matt Monahan reviewed the handouts included in the meeting packet. He noted that the spreadsheet of projects located in the packet included a few projects that should have been removed. He noted that the final round of projects will be submitted at the end of the week and the project subcommittee is scheduled to meet again in December to review and rank the projects. Introductions were made around the room.
- III. Economic and Demographic Data Discussion: Cam Prolman and Katie Nelson provided an overview of the demographic trends for the CEDS region. These trends include:

- i. Rate of growth has slowed considerably compared to previous decades, however, population projects release by the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives project a larger rate of growth into 2030.
 - ii. The region is aging with more residents over the age of 45 than in the past. A graph was presented that showed the region's population by age as reported by the 1990 census and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey.
 - iii. Migration of new residents from other states to New Hampshire has slowed considerably compared to past years, in particular residents migrating from Massachusetts to New Hampshire.
 - iv. While the region's population continues to grow slowly, average household size continues to decrease.
 - v. Trends show the younger demographic preferring more compact living with shorter commute times, less reliance on the single occupancy vehicle, and owning fewer cars.
 - vi. Six communities in the region had low poverty rates (below 4%), while seven had estimated poverty rates in excess of 10%.
- IV. Strengths, Weakness, Opportunity, & Threat Analysis (SWOT) Breakout Groups: Those present split into two groups to discuss the 2014 SWOT results and the SWOT input gathered at the June 29, 2017 CEDS Strategy Committee Meeting. These results can be seen as a separate attachment.
- V. Discussion: A member from each of the two breakout groups summarized the group's results. As the next step, CNHRPC and SNHPC will combine each group's results to create one final SWOT analysis.
- VI. Next Steps: The project subcommittee will meet for a final review and ranking of the submitted projects in December. It is anticipated that the CEDS Strategy Committee will meet again in January to present the projects and the work done by the subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.