

## MEETING NOTES

### **HB 1579 COMMISSION TO STUDY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND THE EFFECTS OF LAND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN UPLAND AREAS THAT MAY AFFECT WETLANDS AND SURFACE WATERS OF THE STATE**

#### **RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE STATE PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE**

February 6, 2009 \* 10:00 AM  
NH Office of Energy and Planning, Concord, NH

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#### **Present:**

Representative Sue Gottling, NH House of Representatives  
Cheryl Killam, representing NH Municipal Association  
Jennifer Czysz, NH Office of Energy and Planning  
Laura Deming, NH Audubon Association  
Collis Adams, NH Department of Environmental Services  
Johanna Lyons, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development

#### **I. INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **II. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT DOCUMENT BY OEP**

“New England State Level Planning Programs In Correspondence with HB 1579, Chapter 294:3, III, Laws of 2008”

Available online at:

<http://www.nh.gov/oep/legislation/2008/hb1579/2009/meetings.htm>

The group scanned through the document and began a discussion of how to use the document to assist the Commission in the most meaningful fashion. Johanna suggested the list be expanded to further document what New Hampshire state agencies are currently doing. For example, Collis mentioned that DES has a collaborative (state, local, developer) pilot program to promote progressive environmental development. Additionally, Collis stated that Federal Programs should be included in the document and subcommittee research. Laura suggested we identify programs that promote green development, green energy and low impact development. Johanna inquired where do non-profit organizations such as the Lakes Association, SPNHF, and land trust fit into the research at hand? Johanna brought information on DRED's Land Management Policies/Procedures/Guidelines and Land and Water Conservation Fund Program which should be added to the body of research.

Collis noted that the subcommittee's research could further filter each program by identifying those which could be implemented immediately, in the next legislative session or within five to ten years.

Several subcommittee members all agreed that a matrix should be developed to compare each of the types of programs and their focus areas across New England. The Matrix would show existing programmatic coverages based upon existing state and federal programs as well as show programs in other states both comparable to those (potentially identifying possible improvements) and programs that would resolve current gaps within New Hampshire’s regulatory framework.

Matrix content and framework decided upon was as follows:

Programmatic Focus:	NH	CT	MA	ME	VT	Federal
Smart Growth	<p>Cells should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of program</li> <li>• Contact for more information</li> <li>• Program website?</li> <li>• Symbolic notation of whether it is based upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incentives,</li> <li>○ Guidance/technical assistance,</li> <li>○ Regulation</li> <li>○ Grants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
Water Resources:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetlands – direct</li> <li>• Wetlands – indirect</li> <li>• Rivers/streams</li> <li>• Aquifer</li> </ul>						
Infrastructure						
Housing						
Transportation						
Redevelopment/ Historic Preservation						

Representative Gottling suggested that the Commission might develop other subcommittees to research the effectiveness of wetland buffers and to evaluate municipal actions to frustrate environmental and wetlands protection. All of which would supplement the work of this subcommittee.

### III. STRATEGY FOR MOVING FORWARD/DIVIDING RESEARCH

The subcommittee members all agreed that further research on specific programs should begin within New Hampshire.

The subcommittee agreed to the following “next steps” to pursue:

1. Jennifer will draft up a the matrix discussed by the subcommittee and circulate it to all subcommittee members
2. Subcommittee members will edit and add to the matrix – with a particular focus of identifying New Hampshire based programs – and identify those programs they wish to research further both in and outside of NH
3. Jennifer will draft up a template research sheet to be used for consistent reporting on all programs and circulate to all subcommittee members
4. Subcommittee will work on research of NH based programs
5. Subcommittee will regroup to discuss research conducted thus far within NH and strategy for researching programs across New England

The subcommittee agreed to the following thresholds or parameters for program research:

- Current program status
- Issues the program addresses
- How does the program function
- How was the program established
- Cost and funding sources
- Staffing needs
- Other implementation needs
- Relevance to the Commission
- Measures of success or performance
- Does the program either intentionally or inadvertently address the indirect impacts of development?
- Contact name, number and/or email

#### **IV. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Next Meeting: March 16, 2009, 11:30 AM, LOB Room 305