

**SRPC REGIONAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, August 15, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
 Hybrid Meeting (Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office & via Zoom)

In accordance with RSA 91:A, the Commission requires a minimum of an in-person quorum. To organize this, the Commission staff will confirm the necessary in-person attendance. It is the preference of the Commission that others participate via Zoom, however, guests may attend the meeting at the SRPC Office. All participants, both in-person and virtual, can communicate contemporaneously. View the remote access information below.

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Agenda Item	Time	Pre-Meeting Task/Notes
1) Welcome and Introductions	10:30-10:35am	Optional: "Soft launch" idea of speaking with planning boards
2) Review of July minutes	10:35-10:40am	
3) Tabling Events Schedule	10:40-10:50am	Review draft schedule
4) Tabling Events Programming	10:50-11:15am	Review handouts, activities
5) Planning Board Visits Coordination	11:15-11:25am	
6) Citizen's Forum	11:25-11:30	
7) Adjourn	11:30	N/A

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## **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Strafford Regional Planning Commission  
Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization, and  
Strafford Economic Development District

### **Meeting Etiquette**

Be present at the scheduled start of the meeting.

Be respectful of the views of others.

Ensure that only one person talks at a time. Raising your hand to be recognized by the chair or facilitator is good practice.

Do not interrupt others or start talking before someone finishes.

Do not engage in cross talk.

Avoid individual discussions in small groups during the meeting. When one person speaks, others should listen.

Active participation is encouraged from all members.

When speaking, participants should adhere to topics of discussion directly related to agenda items.

When speaking, individuals should be brief and concise when speaking.

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission & Metropolitan Planning Organization holds both public meetings and public hearings.

For public meetings, guests are welcome to observe, but should follow proper meeting etiquette allowing the meeting to proceed uninterrupted. Members of the public who wish to be involved and heard should use venues such as Citizen Forum, Public Hearings, Public Comment Periods, outreach events, seminars, workshops, listening sessions, etc.



# SRPC Regional Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee

## Meeting 2

Friday, July 18, 2025 | Conference Room 1A

Mr. Polizzotti called the meeting to order at 10:50am.

### **Members Present**

Don Manter, Northwood  
Mark Richardson, Somersworth  
Paul Rasmussen, Durham  
Sarah Wrightsman, Newmarket  
Mike Lehrman, Durham  
Rick Healey, Rochester

### **Remote Members**

Katrin Kasper, Lee

### **Staff Present**

Mark Davie  
Mike Polizzotti

### **Appointing Officers**

The group unanimously decided to postpone appointing officers to this subcommittee.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Manter motioned and Mr. Richardson R seconded to approve minutes from the previous meeting. The vote was affirmative and unanimous, with Mr. Lehrman abstaining.

### **Survey Results**

Mr. Polizzotti and Mr. Davie opened with the more detailed survey results. Discussion ensued about the definition of "affordable" housing in the questions as written. Ms. Wrightsman asked how many people would include associated costs of a mortgage versus the base mortgage in the monthly payment? Mr. Lehrman asked about the relation of sizes of homes and density in these land use discussions. Mr. Manter stated he cannot afford to move and cannot afford to downsize. Mr. Polizzotti suggested presenting the housing questions divided by incomes reported by respondents and reminded the group they could request data at any time from staff. Mr. Lehrman asked about a follow-up survey. Mr. Davie responded that the in-person events are intended to be the follow-up. Discussion ensued about representative sampling in surveys and the housing market generally. Facts that members would like included in the final comprehensive plan include K12 student

enrollment and the attainability of purpose-built age-restricted housing. There was a question about the longevity of age-restrictions in deeds. Further discussion ensued about the differences in 55+ and 62+ communities.

## **In-person engagement**

Mr. Davie asked how these topics and survey results can be oriented toward in-person engagement with some rhetorical questions, such as "What is your ideal or preferred housing situation?" "What do you look for in housing for your lifestyle? Yard? Dishwasher? Waterfront?" Ms. Kasper suggested talking to police departments to find out what type of neighborhood disputes happen with varying densities and neighborhoods. Someone suggested "What do you like about the lifestyle of \_\_\_ zoning and what are the tradeoffs to make that happen?" Mr. Polizzotti suggested "What is community?" as an open-ended question for a poster board with sticky notes. Mr. Richardson suggested "Do you want to be able to live in the same community you work in?" or "Do you want to be able to walk to complete errands?" Mr. Manter questioned how residents of bedroom communities may respond. Ms. Wrightsman affirmed both of these statements and related her experience commuting to the Manchester area but retaining the walkable lifestyle of residing in Newmarket.

Mr. Rasmussen suggested "What is your community's role within our region?" to residents or town staff. Mr. Lehrman asked what the difference would be in asking these questions to planning boards versus residents? Mr. Polizzotti reminded the group that ideally there will be a planning board listening session for the region. Ms. Wrightsman suggested a question about if or how the community is accomplishing or upholding that identity from above.

The group concurred that those [members of this committee] who are on planning boards can get these on a workshop meeting agenda. Ms. Wrightsman said getting on an agenda is more feasible than creating a new workshop for a municipality's planning board. The group concurred.

Mr. Davie and Mr. Polizzotti said they would craft strategies for this group to approach their planning boards. Mr. Richardson asked about survey data to bring.

Motion at 11:53am to adjourn.

# August

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Durham Farmer's Market – 66 Main St. 2:30pm-6pm	19	20	21	22 Middleton Old Home Day – 200 Kings Hwy 5pm-8pm	23
24	25	26	27 Dover Farmer's Market – 110 Portland Ave 3:30pm-6:30pm	28	29	30
31 Ducks Over The Dam – Bow Lake 10am-2pm						

Confirmed
Pending (Unlikely)

# September

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 UNH Amtrak Station – Durham, NH	10	11	12	13 Brookfield Town BBQ - Brookfield Town House 4pm-7pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Barrington Resident Engagement Event	22	23	24 Milton Walk Audit	25	26	27
28 PorchFest – Downtown Rochester All Day	29	30 Dover Transportation Center				

# October

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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