



MINUTES

Thursday – May 19, 2016

- 1. Call to Order** - Chairman Byers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. Roll Call** –Secretary Ramsdell called the roll and declared a quorum present. The following Commissioners and Staff were in attendance:

Commissioners

Amesbury	Robert Lavoie, Vice Chairman
Andover	Lisa Schwarz
Haverhill	April Derboghosian
Lawrence	Theresa Park
Methuen	Kevin Hagerty
Newbury	John Weis
Newburyport	Ed Ramsdell, Secretary
North Andover	Richard Byers, Chairman
Salisbury	Jerry Klima
West Newbury	Brian Murphey
Rep-At-Large	Brad Buschur

Staff

Joe Cosgrove, Environmental Program Manager
Mike Parquette, Comprehensive Planning Program Manager
Todd Fontanella, Sr. Transportation Planner
Jen Dunlap, Finance Administrator
Nancy Lavallee, Office Administrator

3. Adoption of April Meeting Minutes

The April minutes were reviewed and recommended for adoption.

Vote: There was a motion by Commissioner Weis and second by Commissioner Murphey. The April Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Warrant for April

In Treasurer Bob Snow's absence, MVPC's Finance Administrator, Jen Dunlap, reported that the April warrant was reviewed favorably and recommended the Commission's authorization for adoption.

Vote: There was a motion by Commissioner Masiello and second by Commissioner Weis. The April warrant was unanimously approved.

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman Richard Byers reported on the following activities since last meeting.

April 25th - attended the CEDS Meeting at Salvatore's in Lawrence. It was a well-attended event and we got to hear from representatives from three companies that are based in the Merrimack Valley. They gave us their perspectives as to why they are located here, what attracted them to the region, and why they have stayed in the region.

Chairman Byers thanked MVPC's Economic Development Coordinator, Heidi Murphy, who organized the event, for an outstanding job putting the meeting together.

As a reminder we will not be meeting in June, in lieu of our meeting please attend our Planning Day Event on June 23 at Northern Essex Community College @ 8:30am. Let Nancy Lavallee know if you plan to attend.

6. Executive Director's Hiring Committee

MVPC's Vice President, Robert Lavoie, reported that the Executive Director's Hiring Committee received three proposals from consultants. The following is the proposed schedule.

Early June – Select Consultant and Launch Advertising for position

End of June- Begin to receive resumes

Early July – Review resumes and select candidates for interviews

August – Interview finalists

September – Report finalists at September Commission Meeting

Hiring Committee is scheduled to meet next Wednesday, May 25 at the MVPC office – 5:00pm

7. Director's Report

In lieu of Executive Director Dennis DiZoglio's absence, Chairman Byers referred the Commissioners to Mr. DiZoglio's report on the following MVPC activities since the last meeting.

Meetings with Community Leaders

- April 25th - participated in the quarterly CEDS meeting with Staff
- April 28th - attended the MassDOT Performance Asset Management Advisory Council meeting.
- May 5th - Spoke at the 128 Business Council discussing our efforts here to bring more multi-modal options to our region.

Merrimack Valley Mayors & Managers Coalition (MVMMC)

- May 4 - DPW meeting and discussed the MS4 permit issued in April.
- April 26 - The Merrimack Valley Mayors and Managers Coalition met. The agenda for the meeting focused on the Chapter 70 school funding formula, Complete Streets and the CCC MVMB grant, as well as a support letter for the Governor's Municipal Modernization Bill.
- Ameresco, the region's ESCO provider has completed projects in Merrimac, North Andover, Salisbury and Lawrence. Methuen and Haverhill are under construction. DOER is reviewing a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for a new solar project in Lawrence.
- Haverhill has selected a firm for electric aggregation, Newburyport and Methuen had their DPU public hearing and is reviewing the competitive bids, and North Andover will bring the concept to town meeting. Andover is considering whether to put it on the town Meeting agenda for the spring. Salisbury filed for a DPU public hearing on 2/12/2016. Preliminary meetings have been held in Lawrence and Newbury.

Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System

- MVPC, along with six other RPAs received a letter from the Retirement systems stating that after 42 years of being members of the State retirement system MVPC is now required to contribute to the system. Still waiting for the committee required in the 2016 budget to resolve this issue to be called by ANF. It appears that the legislature has extended the report date for this working group to November of 2016. We did receive a status letter from the retirement board notifying us that additional reimbursement payments have been accumulating but deferred any payments until it can be address "in a mutually agreeable manner".

8. Contracts

- Andover: CMMS data conversion project - \$1800
(This project will result in Andover's CMMS GIS data being synchronized with their existing GIS data that will make the update process much more timely and efficient)
- Georgetown: Annual parcel mapping project - \$1600

Vote: Commissioner Murphey made a motion to authorize and approve the above-mentioned contracts as presented. Commissioner Lavoie seconded the motion. The contracts were unanimously approved.

9. Nominating Committee – Election of Officers

2016 Report of the Nominating Committee

Committee Members:

Kevin Hagerty of Methuen
Robert Lavoie of Amesbury

The Nominating Committee reviewed the roster of MVPC Commissioners and recommends for election the following:

Chairman: Robert Lavoie of Amesbury
Vice Chairman: Richard Byers of North Andover
Secretary: Ed Ramsdell of Newburyport
Treasurer: Robert Snow of Rowley

Vote: Commissioner Weis made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee as presented. Commissioner Murphey seconded the motion. The Nominating Committee was approved.

10. Comprehensive Planning Update

Mike Parquette, MVPC's Comprehensive Planning Program Manager reported on the following Comprehensive Planning activities.

COMMUNITY COMPACT CABINET: One of the Governor's first initiatives was creation of the "Community Compact Cabinet" which is designed to elevate the Administration's partnerships with cities and towns, and allows the Governor's Office to work more closely with municipal leaders. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations and accountability for both partners.

In our region, 10 municipalities have signed, "Community compacts". MVPC will work with these cities and towns to assist them and assist the state in advancing their "best practices" in the areas of job creation and retention, regionalization and shared services, and professional development and training.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY MEETING: On Monday, April 25 from 1:00-2:30 at Sal's Restaurant in Lawrence, a meeting was held of the CEDS committee. The topic for the meeting was: "Why Invest in the Merrimack Valley". Speakers included Dennis DiZoglio, MVPC Executive Director; Salvatore Lupoli, CEO, Lupoli Companies in Lawrence; Neil Beswick, Transmedics Company in Andover; and Curt Clark, Southwick Company in Haverhill. The speakers told why they chose to locate or expand their business in the Merrimack Valley and what we as a region and state need to do to keep businesses here. The meeting was very well received.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) - The Commission approved a new five-year CEDS Report in 2013, containing an updated list of goals, objectives, and action plan for the region. On June 1st, MVPC will submit a CEDS update document (located in your packet) to the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The update highlights initiatives from the past year to support the Commission-approved CEDS, such as our Valley Support Team, continued regional Brownfields assistance, continuing and improving our Merrimack Valley Means Business marketing effort, and new Census data from the latest American Community Survey.

Mr. Parquette requested the Commission's authorization to submit the CEDS report to EDA.

Note: Commissioner Weis made a motion to authorize the submission of the CEDS report to EDS. Commissioner Murphey seconded the motion. The motion was authorized unanimously.

EDA PARTNERSHIP PLANNING APPLICATION - We have received a notice from EDA to submit a three-year application for funds for our "economic development district". These funds provide for our Economic Development Coordinator position whose major responsibility is completing the five-year economic development master plan (CEDS) and implementation of the plan. FY2015 was the last year of our three-year funding cycle; therefore, a full application will be required. The grant is due June 15.

VALLEY SUPPORT TEAM:

Methuen: Methuen has decided to pursue a 40R District for the downtown, and MVPC assisted them with an application for funding through the PATH program to secure funds to complete the application and create the zoning for the district. The PATH grant was approved by DHCD and Methuen was awarded \$25,000. In the next few months, we will complete the update to the housing section of Methuen's Master Plan and analyze their housing needs and conditions - a requirement for the 40R District application.

Haverhill: We have met with Haverhill and its' partners (NECC, Community Action, Inc., Whittier Vocational Technical High, & Workforce Investment Board) in their "Working Cities Partnership" effort addressing employment, education, and quality of life issues in the Washington Heights neighborhood. We have offered our resources and assistance if they are fortunate to receive the \$475,000 funding they are seeking.

MERRIMACK VALLEY MEANS BUSINESS - Heidi Murphy continues to improve the MVMB.biz website as she presented to you in March. Major revisions include new report generator for the 160 properties for sale or lease showcased on the site; updated and enhanced community links; new business incentive tab; updated demographics and data; new "economic studies and initiatives" link; and updated "the valley" section of the website. Ms. Murphy is also writing a grant application to EDA to try and secure funds to market the website and the region in order to create and retain jobs in the Merrimack Valley. This initiative is also being done in conjunction with the "community compact" initiative described above.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT -Ms. Murphy continues to develop and improve the "economic development toolkit" on the MVPC website. The goal is to have the toolkit be a resource not only our member communities, but hopefully for municipalities throughout the commonwealth. Instead of having to wade through and research numerous state agencies, the goal is to find everything at the MVPC.org website. It allows one-stop shopping for approved land-use related applications, bylaws,

ordinances, economic development incentives, finance documents, etc. We urge the Commissioners to visit the website and offer comments and suggestions.

DLTA - Just a reminder that we have DLTA funds for 2016. If you have any potential projects, please let us know. Most all projects involving regional services or planning for industrial/commercial growth or for housing development will qualify. DLTA funding is a tremendous asset to MVPC. The funds provided allow us to undertake activities for your communities we would not be able to do otherwise.

Mr. Parquette noted that he prepared a Letter of Support for the River Communities.

MEETINGS -

- April 25 - CEDS Meeting in Lawrence
- April 26 - Merrimack Valley Mayors/Managers in Salisbury
- April 19 - MS4 Workshop at NECC

11. Environmental Program Update

MVPC's Environmental Program Manager, Joe Cosgrove, reported on activities since the last meeting.

Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:

- Local adoption process has begun with resolutions approved by chief elected officials in Georgetown, Groveland, Merrimac, Rowley and West Newbury. Final plan document filed with MEMA. Adoption resolutions from remaining nine participating communities will be included when received here at MVPC.
- The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency announced funding availability for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Deadline for communities to apply is May 25th, 2016.
- North Shore Regional Workshop at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Innovative Approaches to Reducing Community Vulnerability

Mr. Cosgrove asked the Commission's authorization to authorize the MVPC Region Hazard Mitigation Plan for submission to EPA.

Vote: There was a motion by Commissioner Hagerty to authorize the MVPC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Commissioner Weis seconded the motion. The motion was authorized unanimously.

Stormwater Collaborative:

- MVPC hosted EPA information workshop the morning of May 19th at Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill campus. More than 100 attended the session that featured presentation/overview by EPA and MassDEP officials on the update MS4 permit issued last month for Massachusetts.

To give communities more time to plan and prepare budgets for the new requirements, EPA has delayed effective date of the new MS4 permit to July 1st, 2017.

MVPC will continue to work with member communities through the Merrimack Valley Stormwater Collaborative, established in 2014, to prepare communities for permit compliance through development of regional training, education, public education programs as well as financing options review, planning and model bylaw templates and shared services and equipment.

The Baker Administration in late April filed legislation that would give MassDEP primacy in administering the MS4/NPDES programs in Massachusetts. MVPC staff will monitor status of proposal.

- Stormwater Financing Workshop co-sponsored by MVPC with Mass. Rivers Alliance and others was held Monday April 26th in Salem, MA. About 20 people attended.
- MDPH/Mass. Association of Health Boards Mini-Grants:
- Methuen Downtown Walkability Assessment project is underway. The following meetings have been held:
 - Wed. April 27th @ 11:30 A.M.—Methuen Senior Center; Focus group session with seniors held. 15 attended.
 - Wed. April 27th @ 3:30 P.M. – Methuen Arlington Neighborhood Inc.—11 Methuen youth participated in walking survey of downtown Methuen identifying problem area and opportunities.
 - Wed. May 18th @ 6 P.M.—Nevins Library. About 25 attended community meeting discussing priorities for pedestrian improvement connections in downtown Methuen and planned 40R District.
- Rapid Health Impact Assessment pilot project of Newburyport Route 1 rotary redesign alternatives. Scoping session with Stakeholders was held Thursday, May 12th. Community workshop set for June 16th.

Open Space Planning:

- Received draft of Merrimac Open Space & Recreation Plan this week for review

Sandy Grant Update: MVPC's Coastal Coordinator Peter Phippen updated the Commissioners with a presentation on the Great Marsh Sandy Grant activities. Mr. Phippen explained The Great Marsh Resiliency Partnership was put together to submit the grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation which is the fiscal agent at the national level, and then the funds are filtered down through the different partners in different ways. Due to the damages caused by Hurricane Sandy up the East Coast, the Disaster Relief Appropriation Act of 2013 put out \$829,000,000 for rebuilding and restructuring, with \$100,000,000 for resiliency oriented funding for green infrastructure to help communities reduce their vulnerability to coastal storms. Department of Interior (DOI) agencies distributed the funds through NFWF. The funds from the Sandy Project are used for project planning and the modeling and restoration of the Great Marsh Watershed that includes the Parker, Ipswich, Essex and the mouth of the Merrimack Rivers. The three major components are Community Resiliency Planning for six communities (Salisbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex, Newbury and Newburyport), Assessment and Modeling, and Salinity and Ecological Restoration for the Salt Marsh vegetation restoration through the removal of invasive species and eelgrass restoration, and hire student conservation association researchers to assist.

Two planning task force groups were developed to address community planning; (1) to represent the three northern communities and (2) to represent three southern communities. The groups also deal with inland and coastal flooding. The groups are working with other groups keeping each other informed of their findings.

Over 800 stream crossings have been assessed for severe impediments to flow, some of which is associated with undersized structures, road failure and 75% of road kill is found at stream crossings near smaller streams. The groups worked with design firms to redesign their culverts. Mr. Phippen added that three seasonal staff was hired to help in the assessment of the culverts and dams with the assistance of the three student conservation association research workers were also engaged and Trout Unlimited was a great partner in this assessment as they trained individuals on

the survey protocols. Just over the summer there were over 550 sites completed. These sites Part of this process is to also engage the DPW departments in regards to flooding.

Mr. Phippen added the importance of flow for the Marsh, in regards to salinity levels to more Marsh levels adding that the Plum Island Turnpike Bridge is a significant flow restriction for the salinity movement to the Marsh. The model in the Marsh is at the stage where problems in the Marsh can be addressed. Mr. Phippen reviewed the data collected to date with salinity, secretion of the Marsh and Seal Level Rise.

Restoration of the vegetation-planting project is underway which is a key component to restoring the Great Marsh. As a result, there has been a positive interest from property owners.

Phragmites australis and Perennial Pepperweed are invasive species that are being greatly reduced through spraying, burning and mowing to keep it at bay. It is important to maintain the salinity or increase it to keep the invasive species under control limiting the treatments needed. Mr. Phippen presented how Phragmites is mapped via GPS making it easier to monitor treatment and control. There are currently only 75 stands left (hi density/low density) from over 300 stands.

The Perennial Pepperweed program through Mass Audubon is strictly a heavily volunteer oriented program started well before the Sandy Grant became available. 30,000 acres are now mapped, 22,000 acres are now cleared and 8,000 acres are in imminent threat.

In summary all the permits are in hand and treatments are on target. Pepperweed will be treated next month and Phragmites will be sprayed late August to early October until the first frost. Sandy II expected to come out soon with implementation funding.

Restoration of Eel Grass is pointed to different location in Essex Bay. Last year 1 ½ acres were restored in Essex Bay. While planting Eel Grass green crabs were identified and needed to be monitored and trapped to prevent eelgrass destruction and Marsh edge erosion. The numbers are way down from last year. Although they began to increase in the spring they continue to be monitored and trapped. Currently 23 sites in the Great Marsh are being measured including the green crab component.

The Student Conversation Researchers are doing a fantastic job. This is primarily volunteer but is provided housing. Mr. Phippen added that finding housing was a challenge.

Mr. Phippen is paid through the MassBays Partnership Grant that MVPC submits every year. The FFY 2017 application is due next week.

Mr. Cosgrove requested the Commission's authorization to approve the Mass Bay's Contract for \$60,750 with a 25 %(+) match.

Vote: Commissioner Lavoie made a motion to approve the Mass Bay's Contract as presented. Commissioner Schwarz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. Transportation Report Update

MVPC's Senior Transportation Planner, Todd Fontanella, reported on the following transportation activities.

Merrimack Valley MPO (MVMPO)

The Merrimack Valley Transportation Committee (MVTC) met at the MVPC office earlier this afternoon to review options for programming MVMPO Target Funds. A copy of the draft MVTC agenda, a list of potential FFYs 2017-2021 TIP Target Projects, a list of the region's high-crash locations and two TIP programming scenarios that were distributed at today's meeting are attached.

The MVMPO staff continues to work with MassDOT's draft STIP funding targets and updates of roadway, bridge and transit project information to prepare the MVMPO draft **FFYs 2017-2021 TIP**. The staff awaits MassDOT's pending release of firm financial information from its Capital Investment Plan (CIP). Staff is also awaiting MassDOT's release of funding and programming of 'statewide' projects.

Staff continues refining task descriptions and budget numbers for the MVMPO draft **FFY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program**. As reported in April, USDOT and MassDOT guidance directs the MVMPO staff to compile information on study and project spending over a five-year 'look back' period to assess the MVMPO's effectiveness in promoting transportation equity. This task will carry forward in subsequent MVMPO TIPs and UPWPs.

MVPC's Tony Komornick, Mary Kay Beninati, and Todd Fontanella met with MassDOT's District 4 Planning Coordinator and its MPO Activities Liaison to review and evaluate/score TIP candidate projects on May 11.

Mr. Komornick and Mr. Fontanella attended the Public Hearing on **MassDOT's Draft 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**, which was held in Andover on May 11th. As previously stated, the MVMPO staff's task is to ensure that the CIP advances the region's transportation priorities. Mr. Komornick requested that the MassDOT staff improve the draft document by formally clarifying the relationship between the CIP and each MPO's TIP. In addition, the staff asked for MassDOT's assurance that the CIP Universe of Projects would not be used to determine what projects each MPO could program in their TIPs.

The CIP Universe of Projects is not an exhaustive list of MPO priority projects; rather, it is MassDOT's collection of project information from its own project records, MPO TIPs, RTPs, Commonwealth Transportation Bond Bills, and other sources. Indeed, it contains multiple references for some projects – and references for others already completed or obsolete. Staff has made corrections and revisions to the list that it will soon share with MassDOT.

Mr. Komornick also requested that the City of Lawrence's Common and Lowell Streets Intersection Project be included in the CIP, as it is being programmed.

The next MVMPO meeting will be held on May 26@ 12:30 at the MVPC Offices. A copy of the draft meeting agenda is attached.

Studies

- **Regional Park and Ride Lot Study:** Mr. Komornick has been working on developing park and ride lot demand estimates.
- **MA-114 and MA-133 Corridors:** Mr. Fontanella is continuing work on assessing the potential for implementing transit service in these areas.

Mr. Komornick, Mr. Cosgrove and Ms. Goodrich continue working with Barry Keppard of MAPC on integrating a **Health Impact Assessment** into the planning process for both the redesign of the US-1 Rotary in Newburyport and the possible redesign of **US-1 north of this rotary**. A scoping session was held on May 12 following a Newburyport Traffic and Safety Committee meeting, and a comprehensive workshop is being planned for a date in June (to be announced).

Other

Mr. Fontanella is monitoring the status of the **MassDOT FY17 Community Transit Grant Program**. As previously reported, one application (not reviewed by Todd) was submitted by an organization in the MVPC region, that being from the **Northeast Independent Living Program**, to acquire a van to provide transportation services to its clients. Grant awards are pending.

MVPC's Danny Ovalle is continuing to upload traffic count information to MassDOT's MS2 transportation management system website and completed preparing our **2015 Community Traffic Count reports**. He is fully engaged in the MVMPO's field data collection activities.

MVPC's Jim Terlizzi is working with the City of Haverhill on a work scope for upgrading sidewalk ramps in conformity with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and is working with Danny and other staff members on field data collection (i.e. traffic counts, signal timings).

Mr. Komornick and Mr. Fontanella attended a MassDOT 25% Design Public Information Meeting/Public Hearing for the **Border to Boston Trail, Georgetown Southern Segment Project** on May 10th in Georgetown. MassDOT has extended this Project southward to include a contiguous Trail segment to Georgetown Road in Boxford.

Technical Assistance

Mr. Terlizzi and Mr. Fontanella participated in a Road Safety Audit (RSA) led by MassDOT, the City of Lawrence, and TEC, Inc. on May 4. This RSA pertained to the City's proposal to upgrade intersections along Common Street between Hampshire and Essex Streets. The proposal was approved by MassDOT's Project Review Committee and a 25% design will be submitted to MassDOT soon.

Mr. Komornick and Mr. Fontanella hosted a meeting of the Georgetown Branch Shared-Use Path Advisory Committee at MVPC on May 17. Information highlights included:

- Bradford Rail Trail Phase I is now in construction;
- The City of Haverhill has acquired the right-of-way to design Phase II between the Basiliere Bridge and the Crescent Yacht Club;
- The City is in discussion with community members to plan for further extensions eastward, and
- Groveland has approved CPA funds to design an additional segment of its Community Path from Main Street to the Groveland/Haverhill boundary.

The City of Lawrence submitted an FY16 USDOT TIGER application on April 29 requesting funds to improve the Amesbury Street, Parker Street, and Winthrop Avenue corridor. We reported last month that we analyzed the potential impacts that would arise from returning **Amesbury Street** to a two-way roadway north of the Merrimack River; that analysis was intended as support for this grant application.

Other Meetings and Outreach Efforts

- **Haverhill Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program:** Mr. Komornick and Ms. Goodrich met with Mayor Fiorentini and Andrew Herlihy to advance this Program.
- **Lawrence Mayor's Health Task force:** Ms. Goodrich continues to attend the meetings of this group.
- **Mass in Motion:** Ms. Goodrich continues to attend the meetings of this organization.
- **Merrimack Valley Regional Coordinating Council (MVRCC):** The April 14th meeting was canceled and rescheduled for June 9. Mr. Fontanella met with the MVRTA and the Amesbury

Council on Aging on May 12 to draft a travel training video script; taping is now scheduled for May 26th at the Costello Center in Amesbury.

- **Haverhill, Newburyport Traffic and Safety Committees:** Mr. Komornick continues to attend meetings of these groups. The Newburyport meeting included a discussion of incorporating Health Impact Analyses in the planning process options for replacing/modifying the MA-1 Rotary.
- **Mount Washington Neighborhood Partnership:** This group received a Fed project design grant in October 2015 to design a program to work with local employers to determine skills sets and training opportunities for potential employees. The partners are proposing to address other issues in the neighborhood including housing and transportation to work in an upcoming grant application. Mr. DiZoglio, Mr. Parquette and Mr. Fontanella met with some of the Haverhill initiative members at MVPC on April 4th to better understand the initiative's project proposal and to offer technical assistance should the grant be awarded. The partners submitted an application in early May.
- **Statewide Annual Community Transportation Coordination Conference:** Mr. Fontanella attended the May 3rd event at Holy Cross College.

Upcoming Meetings

- MVMPO, May 26th, 2016, 12:30 p.m. @ MVPC Office
- DPW Directors: June 1st– 8:30 a.m. @ MVPC Office
- MVRTA Advisory Board: June 2nd- 9:00 a.m. @ MVRTA Offices, Haverhill
- MARPA Transportation Program Managers Group: June 14th - 10:00 a.m. @ Worcester Union Station, Two Washington Sq.
- Transportation Health Impact Assessment Workshop, re: US-1 Rotary in Newburyport, June 16th
- MVMPO meeting, June 20th at MVPC (tentative)

13. Local and Regional Issues

North Andover and Salisbury passed the stretch code and may now be eligible as green communities.

14. Other – None

15. Adjourn

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

I hereby certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission meeting held on May 19, 2016.

Ed Ramsdell, Secretary