

NRPC PLAN AND POLICY COMMITTEE
October 8, 2025

In Attendance: Lori Ruple, Megan Sherlund, Elizabeth Nance, Peter Zamore, Chip Sawyer

Staff: Catherine Dimitruk, Luke Slomba

The Plan and Policy Committee held a remote meeting via Zoom on October 8, 2025. The meeting was opened by L. Ruple at 5:01pm.

1. Adjustments to agenda – None

2. Public Comment – None

3. Review of Franklin Town Plan

C. Dimitruk gave a quick overview of the plan approval process and what has happened so far for the Franklin Plan. L. Ruple asked if E. Nance found anything affecting regional approval in her preliminary review of the plan. E. Nance responded that she did not, and her comments were mostly grammatical or clarifying changes that were incorporated into the final plan.

4. Staff Recommendation

E. Nance made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Franklin Town Plan:

- a. Town plan meets requirements for regional approval
- b. Town plan meets requirements for enhanced energy determination, and
- c. Town of Franklin meets requirements for confirmation of municipal planning process

C. Sawyer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

5. Regional Plan Update

C. Dimitruk updated the committee that NRPC's Regional Plan preapplication was submitted to the Land Use Review Board last Friday. The LURB will be determining its completeness tomorrow and there is a site visit tentatively scheduled for November 13th. The committee will receive more details once the agenda has firmed up more.

C. Dimitruk also relayed that 17 of 19 eligible municipalities have opted in to Tier 1B, with one opting out and one delayed vote.

6. Schedule Review

C. Dimitruk updated the committee on the upcoming schedule of NRPC's regional plan adoption, including tentative public hearing dates and the process for incorporating remaining comments into a final draft.

P. Zamore asked how our schedule compares to other RPCs and how this schedule was decided. C. Dimitruk answered that we're second for preliminary review after Rutland RPC and first for final review. The schedule was worked out collaboratively among RPCs based on who had expiring plans and who was ready to submit.

C. Dimitruk: RPCs have identified things in the Act 181 statute that could use clarification. She and other directors are making a list of changes, most of which are procedure related and not policy changes. These changes will hopefully include a simpler process for regional plan amendments.

7. Commissioner and Staff Announcements – None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.