
Approved Minutes Nashua Regional Planning Commission/Metropolitan Planning Organization (Full Commission/MPO) Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7 pm, Public Meeting with Zoom Option

Attendees:

Jason Hennessey, Amherst
Will Ludt, Amherst
Danielle Pray, Amherst
Jerry Roche, Brookline
Alan Rosenberg (ALT), Brookline
Ed Van der Veen, Hudson
Ralph Boehm, Litchfield
Kim Queenan, Litchfield
Charlie Post, Lyndeborough
Larry Larouche, Lyndeborough
Peter Albert, Merrimack
Timothy Tenhave, Merrimack
Chris Costantino, Milford (Zoom)
Janet Langdell, Milford
John Yule, Milford
Tim Berry, Mont Vernon
Michelle Cooke, Pelham
Heather Corbett, Pelham
Kermit Williams, Wilton
William Rose, NHDOT (Zoom)
Jack Wade, NHDES, (Zoom)

NRPC Staff:

Jay Minkarah, Executive Director
Matt Waitkins, MPO Coordinator
Emma Rearick, Transportation Planner
Salem Quinn, Admin./Comms. Coordinator

1. **Call to order:** Queenan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Privilege of the floor:** nothing brought forward.
3. **Approval of minutes: January 21, 2026 (Action Item)**
Three edits to minutes brought forward by Langdell, Boehm, and Tenhave.
 - **Motion by Hennessey: To approve January 21, 2026, Nashua Regional Planning Commission/Metropolitan Planning Organization (Full Commission/MPO) meeting minutes, with edits.** Second by Yule. A rollcall vote was conducted. **Motion adopted** with Ludt, Rosenberg, Post, Larouche, and Van der Veen abstaining.
4. **MPO Policy Committee**
 - a. **The Public Hearing opened at 7:10 pm:** NRPC FY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FFY2023-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #4 **(Action Item)**. Waitkins presented on the TIP process, the timeline for the current proposed amendment, and that TTAC recommends adopting the TIP as discussed at their April meeting. Waitkins reviewed regional projects in this Amendment, as listed in the packet posted on the NRPC site. Questions about any projects were answered by Waitkins and/or Rose. Public comment from Garruba was reviewed as well. **The Public Hearing closed at 7:30 pm.**
 - **Motion by Hennessey: THAT the Nashua Metropolitan Planning Organization adopt Amendment 4 to the FY 2025-2028 NRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as discussed.** Second by Roche. Amendment to the motion by Langdell to change Nashua to NRPC.

Amendment accepted. **Motion by Hennessey: THAT the NRPC Metropolitan Planning Organization adopt Amendment 4 to the FY 2025-2028 NRPC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as discussed.** Second by Roche. A rollcall vote was conducted. **Motion adopted** with Ludt objecting.

- b. FFY2025-2028 TIP February, March & April Minor Revisions.** Waitkins presented the minor revisions. Projects listed in meeting packet. Information only.
- c. Demonstration of NRPC Project Tracker & TIP Management Software.** Rearick gave a demonstration of the new Project Tracker. Waitkins gave some background information on how this software came to be. Questions were answered. Ludt wants to utilize this during future presentations by Waitkins on Minors and Amendments. Public and private sites were shown. Langdell wants this type of information for all RPCs, not just MPOs.
- d. NH 101 Safety Improvements Position Statement.** Information only, statement included in packet. After January MPO meeting, it was discussed in EC to write this statement. Statement was distributed. Boehm gave update on the Ten-Year Plan passing the house with minor changes. Hoping for toll increase to pass so that there's money. Senate now has the Ten-Year Plan.
- e. Other Transportation updates:** Minkarah discussed the meeting in Hudson last month to kick off the formal process to decommission to circumferential highway. And selling off the surplus ROW. Affects different towns/cities.

5. Other Business:

- a. NRPC Regional Plan:** Minkarah presented on Regional Plan Chapters for review, and we're looking for NRPC feedback. Information will be sent out to NRPC.
- b. NRPC Foundation:** Langdell shared a few points:
 - i. Corbett will present at the Annual Forum regarding Universal Design.
 - ii. NRPC Foundation is participating in NH Gives on June 9-10th, 2026.
 - iii. The Foundation also has dates at the Nash Casino: September 30th-October 4th, 2026.
- c. NRPC Annual Forum:** Everyone should have received an invitation via email and/or postcard. A postcard was passed around the room. Quinn reminded Commissioners about the official NRPC nametags.
- d. Other Updates:** none were brought forth.

6. Commissioner Roundtable:

- a. Pray (Amherst)** \$10 million bond on ballot in March for land acquisition from the conservation commission, which was voted down. There was a recent Planning Board approval for a 32 or 33 housing unit development that hasn't been appealed yet. Also, a new application for 52 housing units for 55 and up. Recently, NHDOT came to the Selectman meeting. They presented examples for All Way Stops. Amherst has approved an all-way stop going in this summer. Hopefully will help. New website to come. The rail trail has a lot of concerns from abutters. They will decide on how to move forward soon.
- b. Corbett (Pelham)** Both budgets passed. Corbett didn't re-run. Pop up pond conference. School board butting heads with the budget committee.
- c. Cooke (Pelham)** There was a citizen petition at the last election to get rid of the WCA, but it was voted down, so they still have conservation district.
- d. Albert (Merrimack)** Merrimack had their general elections last night. Got through the Master Plan, current plan is 13 years old. Hoping for a new plan in the next 1-2 years. Approved the purchase of 60 acres of land behind commons plaza for proposed public safety building. And DOT has been great regarding recent bridge projects. Conservation Commission is interested in purchasing parcels of the Circumferential Highway.

- e. **Rosenberg (Brookline)** approved the creation of the downtown village district: mixed use, residential and light commercial. Town of Mason in February received an application for excavation that is just over the border from Brookline. The proposal was for up to 50 truck round trips per day, 6 days a week, sometimes Sundays, for 8-15 years. The Mason Planning Board determined that it was a developmental regional impact. Applicants were going to scale back their plan to 5 days a week, fewer phases for 3-6 years. Brookline, with abutter status, provided feedback on issues to be aware of. Next meeting is 1 week from tonight.
- f. **Post (Lyndeborough)** Three petition articles passed. First is allowing two detached ADUs. Second is a Planning Board article that set 2-acre zoning with soil survey required. The third article sets 5-acre zoning with no requirements. Planning Board will sort it out at the next meeting. 2,000 sq ft. two bedrooms is the ADU size. Master Plan is 25 years old. Introduced Larouche.
- g. **Boehm (Litchfield)** Already gave update about the Ten-Year Plan.
- h. **Queenan (Litchfield)** Also didn't run for BOS, will stay on MPO committee. School budget: all items passed. Town budget passed except for three items, including road maintenance.
- i. **Tenhave (Merrimack)** School budget did pass. Hadn't passed in previous years. Letting go of 20 staff members.
- j. **Langdell (Milford)** CTE vote failed by 27 votes to match state funding. Zoning ordinances, 3 out of 4 failed. Just approved Master Plan after 2 years of work.
- k. **Yule (Milford)** Petition warrant article to change to an elected Conservation Commission failed. Also didn't get any funding for the Conservation Commission. So, they are working on a warrant article to take all land exchange tax proceeds for the Conservation Commission.
- l. **Williams (Wilton)** Town meeting had a lot of push back and concerns about property taxes. Because of that Wilton will have a special town meeting and will be limited to discussing and implementing RSA 72:81, which allows the selectboard to create a temporary tax exemption for a portion of the investment for additional commercial or industrial developments for a few years.
- m. **Berry (Mont Vernon)** Traditional town meeting from 10 am – 6 pm. Petition warrant article to go to SB2 didn't get 60%. Next year will probably be the last traditional town meeting. 8 petition warrant articles, 6 of which had to be voted on.
- n. **Roche (Brookline)** Town hall is not safe, and all employees had to be relocated. Roof will drop in. Trying to figure out if they can save the building. Bathroom in the lobby is the only safe spot. Employees scattered around town. Trying to get them all in one place. Need a library, a town hall, and probably something else. If the building is not used as town hall, it will be reverted to the original owners. Rosenberg added that they now need to have a special town meeting to fix the warrant article for removing dam since article was deemed non-valid for not including the 5-year tax impact.
- o. **Amherst Pray** Added that they had a petition warrant article Homeowners Association on Baboosic Lake for the town to contribute \$100,000 towards \$400,000 to take care of cyanobacteria. Need a permit from DES. Expecting application to be done soon.

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Salem Quinn, Administrative/Communications Coordinator NRPC