



Association Meeting Notes for Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Members present: Ann Donovan, Jim Gazza, Bill Sharp, Barbara Fisher, Paul Bartley, Todd Giddings, Bob Donaldson, Rob Cooper, Bob Eberhart, Jenifer Shuey, Jim May and Nick Schipanski

1. **Update on the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan-**

Jim May, Planning Director, Centre Regional Planning Agency.

Jim May gave an update on the status of the new Centre Region Comp Plan. He stated that goals would generally remain the same as in 2000 plan but that implementation would now be a priority. Preliminary drafts exist for Land Use, Transportation, Community, and Open Space and Recreation. He also gave a presentation on a recently completed survey of residents about attitudes about growth and planning. Respondents supported a balanced approach to growth with maintenance of natural resource protection goals and a strong delineation between urban and rural. The top land use priority was to protect open space. The top natural resource priority was to protect drinking water.

2. **Proposal for Association meeting format and schedule for 2012.**

Majority of those present did not approve of the proposed format and schedule for 2012, particularly noon meeting times and only discussing business on alternate months. Having a different time/place for a particular speaker a few times a year was generally considered acceptable. Paul Bartley and Rob Cooper proposed a membership survey to determine if meeting time, venue, etc was a factor in absenteeism among members on Association email list. The issue was tabled pending a survey of the membership.

3. **Committee Workgroups.**

- a. A Centre Region Comp Plan Committee was formed to give input to CRPA on development of natural resource protection goals in comp plan. Members- Jen, Jim, Barbara, Bob E. and Todd.
- b. Source Water Protection. Discussion involved next steps in light of the poor turnout to the Commission's Source Water workshop in October 2011. Nick

will contact Mark Stevens for suggestions on future actions. Commissions agenda may also change given its membership changes in 2012.

4. There will be no December 2012 meeting. Next meeting of the Association will be January 17, 2012 at 7:30 am.