

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2009/2010
ANNUAL REPORT

Bringing People and Communities Together

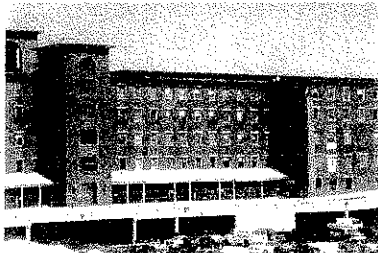
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Many thanks to

Wallace "Wally" Reid

For over 30 years serving on the

Executive Committee

1977—2009 Executive Committee Member

1980—1994 Chairman

His dedication to the committee was appreciated.

We wish him well, and he will be missed

Agenda for SMRPC 44th Annual Meeting June 10, 2009

- 5:30 - 6:15 PM Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and music
- 5:45 PM “brief” General Assembly Business Meeting
(for General Assembly Members)
- 6:15 PM Buffet dinner will be served
- 7:00 PM Presentation (see below for description)

♪ Plus the return of the house band “*Friends of Paul*” ♪

Presentation:

Climate Change and Getting Things Done at the Local Level

Professor Cameron Wake of the UNH Climate Change Research Center and Director of Efficiency Maine, John Brautigam will discuss issues related to climate change and opportunities to do something about it in your town and our region. Discussion to follow.

Nominating Committee's Report

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following nominations for Officers and Executive Committee members of SMRPC for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Officers

- Chair: Peter Morelli (Saco), Economic Development Director and current Executive Committee Chair
- Vice Chair: Robert Heard (Porter), Board of Selectmen
- Treasurer: Richard Bicknell (Eliot)
- Secretary: Joyce Wood, Alfred

Executive Committee

- James Q. Gulnac (Sanford), Town Planner
- Ken Burford (Kennebunkport)
- Roxanne Eflin (Buxton)
- Judy Bernstein (Kennebunk) Town Planner
- Sandra Mowery (Kittery), Town Planner (tentative)
- Greg Tansley (Biddeford), City Planner
- Nancy Perkins (Cornish), Board of Selectmen
- Mike Huston (Wells), Town Planner
- Jan Williams (Hiram)
- David Bowles (County Commissioner)

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

It is my pleasure to report that SMRPC is in excellent shape financially again the year. I have reviewed the audit report for 2008 and we again show positive cash flow, and our net at the end of the year was plus \$70,000. We expect the final figures for the current year will show another good result, with a small net income.

The proposed budget for 2009/2010 is about break-even. Land Use income is expected to be down about 22%, but Economic Development income is anticipated to be up around 21%, thanks to the the Brownsfields program and the effect of stimulus funds.

Our Brownsfields grants and loans this fiscal year has depleted the entire one million we were awarded at the beginning of the year, with \$360,000 grants to municipalities, and \$540,000 in loans to a developer. We are about to receive another million to fund our program. The Brownsfields program is generally recognized as the most effective economic development program the Federal Government has yet devised.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Bicknell, Treasurer

Secretary

As a member of the Executive Committee since July of 2007 I was appointed Secretary during the past year to replace John Wood who was a long time member of the Committee. I have learned much, and have enjoyed being a member of the Executive Committee and this great organization.

During the last year (July, 2008 to June 2009), the Committee has met at least once a month. In addition to regular business meetings, we also held discussions involving the following:

- SMRPC funding – County and municipal dues/membership contributions
- Future SMRPC initiatives
- Annual budget process to include position salaries/benefits
- Regional Policy initiatives
- Economic Development initiatives
- Brownsfields Revolving Loan Program with several current open applications and the approval of the following projects (in the past fiscal year):
 1. Riverdam Mill project in Biddeford
 2. North Dam project in Biddeford, Phase I and II
 3. Caleb Foundation, North Berwick

Thanks to Paul Schumacher and the Staff of Southern Maine Regional Planning for their valuable assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Wood, Secretary

Staff Reports

Paul Schumacher

Executive Director

Well, SMRPC is once again trying - and we believe – weathering another recession. I have been here since 1996 so this may be my second or third one. I have actually lost count. One of the reasons is that, as Professor Charlie Colgan says often, is that Maine neither gets too high or too low as far as economic conditions. In fact, sometimes it takes us a year or two after a recession to catch up while we may have entered the same recession later than other states across the country.

In any case, we have found various niches in our work and programming to continue to serve the residents in the region and maintain our staffing levels as they have existed for a few years. The Brownfields funding we receive has helped tremendously in this regard while also allowing us to distribute \$ 360,000 in North Berwick and Sanford and \$540,000 in loans to the North dam Mill project in Biddeford. These projects have resulted in new affordable housing, multi-family housing, and commercial development and the restoration of old historic mills in revitalized downtowns. We are delighted that EPA has funded us to be a part of that effort. We are also pleased to say that on May 11th, EPA announced that they would provide SMRPC with another 1 million dollar grant to recapitalize the loan and grant program.

I have been also busy working on a somewhat unique role for the commission, which is to bring people and cities and towns together on a variety of issues. These facilitation projects include:

- Working with 7 towns in southern York County exploring ways to consolidate/share services and facilities and looking for cost efficiencies.
- Connecting with communities on ways to access stimulus funds for energy efficiency projects. Hopefully this will provide some benefits in the upcoming months.
- Working with Town Managers and others in the region on developing a legislative strategic plan for the county so we can provide a united voice on matters in Augusta.
- Working with the congressional delegation to make sure towns in the region are aware of and have access to stimulus funds.

Many of these items are not funded directly by grants funds or other funds –they are funded by the communities we serve and allocations from York County government. We appreciate these funds a great deal and in view of the funding issues at the local level this year, we have not provided merit or cost-of-living raises to staff this year.

Of course my section would not be complete without congratulating the town of Eliot on completing their Comprehensive Plan (all 230 pages of it). It was a model of consensus and perseverance.

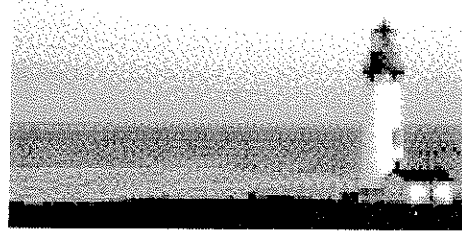
I must say it is with a bit of trepidation that we enter the upcoming year. I have heard from a number of managers and others, what with the next version of Tabor, the excise tax referendum, not to mention the economic challenges at all levels of government, that changes may be in the offing. If so, we hope to be able to continue on our present course and provide assistance to our member municipalities in any way we can. It will be the only way to get through these challenging times.

Jonathan "J.T." Lockman Planning Director

Land Use Planning Section

Thank you all for the privilege of being part of SMRPC. This summer will be my 10th Anniversary, which means I have held this job longer than any other in my career. I truly look forward to each working day with all of its challenges and intellectual stimulation! And thank you to Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh! - - I am fortunate to have Jamie as a colleague and land use team member. We always spend a part of each day "bouncing" ideas about our work back and forth, which definitely improves our final products.

This year we have continued to crank out shoreland zoning work products. Because of the DEP mandate that all towns must update their zoning standards, I have worked on hundreds of pages of text and/or maps, for Alfred, Kittery, Old Orchard Beach, and Buxton. Between Jamie and I, we have worked with 15 towns over the past two years(!) Close relationships were developed with our colleagues at DEP and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, as we debated the guts of each text and scrutinized the edges of mapped wetlands. Based upon our recommendations, DEP administrators delayed the deadline for compliance with minimum guidelines until July 2009, when our staff found that Inland Wading Bird and Waterfowl habitats designated by DIFW were not accurate.



This year will also be memorable, because, thanks to the State Planning Office/Maine Coastal Program, we worked on another shore program, which has garnered attention statewide: the Coastal Hazard Resiliency Project. Teaming up with Maine Geological Survey, we have worked with the Cities and Towns of Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach, and Scarborough, to present and analyze data on changes in coastal flooding patterns, beach profiles, and tide levels, in order to begin planning for mitigation from and adaption to sea-level. This year, with continued funding from the Maine Coastal Program, we hope to extend serious work on these matters into additional coastal communities.

I have also continued to enjoy working for the Town of Ogunquit this past year as their contract Town Planner. Ogunquit has chosen to contract for regular planning services from SMRPC rather than to employ a part time planner in-house. I regularly spend several days a month in the Town's Land Use Office, and one or two nights a month with their Planning Board. . . and have made some great friends. The dispute over the redevelopment of the "Capt'n Nick's" site on Route 1 was finally resolved, with the approval of a site plan for the new Tidewater Resort in May. A series of workshops on rewriting the sign standards have been well attended and watched over cable TV, and new standards will be presented to the Selectmen soon, for placement on a warrant.

Once again, I am really happy to be here, and look forward to a productive year ahead working with everyone in the SMRPC family. If you are passing through the Sanford area, don't forget to stop by and visit.

Jonathan "J.T." Lockman, Planning Director

Tom Reinauer

Transportation Director

Well, another year has flown by here at SMRPC. It seems like only yesterday when I was completing this report for 2008. The diverse and rewarding nature of the work we do here always amazes me, and makes time fly – sometimes faster than I'd like, but for the most part it is a good thing.

For the past two years I have had the honor and pleasure of serving on the Council for the National Regional Planning Organization (RPO) America program. The Council meets several times a year and provides advice, input and ideas to the National Association of Development Organization (NADO) Board of Directors, senior staff, and their Transportation Policy Task Force. It currently consists of regional planning representatives from 41 states.

It is very interesting (but rewarding also) when I receive compliments on our work here in Maine, receive requests to showcase that work at regional and national conferences, or get looks of amazement (and sometimes disbelief) when I describe some of our accomplishments. In case you are not aware, SMRPC is at the forefront of innovative and effective regional planning – not only in New England, but throughout the country. We should be proud of that.

Here are some of the highlights of the past year:

- Assisted the Portland Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in implementing several recommendations from their public transportation coordination study. These included working on the development of a regional transit pass, and the development of a regional transit map and timetable.
- Began implementation of the Move! Program, which combined both the York and Cumberland County Kids in Transportation Programs into one. SMRPC is now the lead agency for the new program, funded by MaineDOT and the Maine Turnpike Authority.
- Continued route and schedule assistance to the **Biddeford-Saco-Old Orchard Beach** ShuttleBus.
- Assisted the towns of **Eliot** and **Kittery** and **York County Community Action (YCCAC)** in implementing expanded transportation for seniors in the two communities. SMRPC helped the towns secure a **\$50,000** Community Development Block Grant to fund this effort.
- Assisted **YCCAC** and the Town of **Sanford** obtain **\$25,000** for developing a public transportation plan, which will review and make recommendations on how to improve the existing services in the Sanford region.
- Assisted the Town of **Kittery** in obtaining a **\$447,400** grant to help complete a major reconstruction project on Route 1 south of the traffic circle.
- Completed a Senior Transportation Brochure for the KEYS region (**Kittery, Eliot, York and South Berwick**).
- Assisted MaineDOT and New Hampshire DOT on the Maine-New Hampshire Connections Study, looking at the future rehab/construction of bridges between **Kittery** and **Portsmouth**.
- Assisted MaineDOT in kicking off the Central York County Transportation Study, which will include several communities in the Sanford area.
- Through the Kittery MPO, funded and administered the South Berwick Transportation Feasibility Study. The MPO hired Sebago Technics to take a look at safety and congestion issues in the downtown area.
- Continued staff support to the Maine-NH Traffic Incident Management Group, an ongoing effort to better address how traffic accidents and delays are handled in the southern Maine/seacoast New Hampshire area. SMRPC helped this group obtain a **\$25,000** grant through the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to fund upgrades to radio frequencies and reimburse training costs for police departments in **Kittery, Eliot, York, South Berwick, Berwick, North Berwick, Sanford, Ogunquit, Wells, Kennebunk, Arundel, Saco** and also the **York County Sheriff's Department**.
- Helped several municipalities submit projects for possible funding through the Federal Stimulus Package.
- Completed subdivision road standard updates and changes for the Town of **Hollis**.
- Assisting the Goodwins Mills Fire Department in applying for a Stimulus to expand the current fire station, which serves both **Dayton and Lyman**.
- Transportation technical assistance and/or comprehensive plan assistance to: **Fryeburg, Waterboro, Alfred, Wells, Eliot, and Kittery**.
- Continued planning support for the Shoreline Explorer seasonal transit system, including **York, Ogunquit, Wells, and Kennebunk**.
- Continued staff assistance to the Portland MPO Transit Committee.
- Worked with the **Naval Shipyard in Kittery** to increase the number of employees who carpool to work and also organize additional vanpools at the base through the GoMaine commuter program.

As always, please feel free to give me a call regarding any transportation project/policies/personal pet peeves in the SMRPC region.

Julia Dawson
Senior Transportation Planner

So we are in a recession. Well some one forgot to give me that memo! Over the past year I have been very busy working on a number of transportation related projects, some ongoing and some new.

Much of my time has been spent working with the Town of Fryeburg to develop a Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. The plan lays out a vision for the future, it identifies areas in the village where expanding the existing bicycle and pedestrian network will improve safety and enhance connections between the town's parks, public amenities, and businesses. Recommendations include retrofitting existing roadways with paved shoulders or bike lanes, repairing existing or constructing new sidewalks, installing crosswalks and lighting, designating certain roadways as official bike routes, and implementing a number of policy proposals.

I have also been assisting the Route 113 Corridor Committee with the many issues they have been tackling. The Committee, represented by the towns of **Standish, Baldwin, Hiram, Brownfield and Fryeburg** and staffed by SMRPC and GPCOG, have been working diligently behind the scenes to ensure the successful restoration the Mountain Division Rail Line. Over the past year they have been busy organizing meet and greets for state and local elected officials, inviting rail consultants and industry professionals to information sharing meetings, and on August 1, 2008 held a ceremony to celebrate the State's purchase of the final portion of right of way between Fryeburg and Portland. They have recently been recognized for their work by the Greater Council of Governments and been awarded the GPCOG Regional ReCOgnition Award

In 2008, I applied for a \$26,000 federal grant on behalf of the Route 113 Corridor Committee to develop a Corridor Management Plan for the Pequawket Trail Scenic Byway. In early 2009 funds were awarded so I hope to start work on developing the Plan this summer. The Plan will identify and discuss the byway's intrinsic qualities, explore visitor needs and expectations, and discuss how to promote the byway while protecting its features. Ultimately, the Plan will lay out the community's long term vision for the corridor.

The ME/NH Traffic Incident Management Group has been keeping me busy with a number of projects during the last year. A call tree for circulating information to the regions police departments, regarding major traffic incidents occurring on I-95 or one of Southern Maine's other major corridors (during and after the incident), was developed and tested, and detour maps developed with the help of the municipalities will also be used to supplement the call tree. With the help of York County Emergency Management Agency (Bob Bohlmann) we held a number of CONOPS training sessions for emergency response personnel and are in the process of developing a new workshop on radio protocol.

Next year looks like it's going to be another busy year, so stay tuned.

SMRPC Program Budget

Municipal Planning Assistance

Providing technical assistance to municipalities will continue to be one of our principal functions. As growth in the area accelerates, we have noticed a number of additional requests for planning assistance. Furthermore, as many communities have requested assistance with economic development, the need to service municipalities in this area will also grow.

These activities will include:

- Providing assistance to planning boards, zoning boards of appeal, planners and code enforcement officers.
- Drafting ordinances, regulations and guidelines at the request of municipalities.
- Developing Comprehensive plans and ordinance changes.
- Providing training and skills development for municipal officials and staff.
- Providing specific project review assistance to communities upon request.
- Supplying fee for service activities. This function will likely increase in importance with the upgrades of the Geographical Information System (GIS) by the Commission. We now can produce high quality digital maps at a relatively low price.
- Updating the Shoreland Zoning Regulations.

Funding sources include: State Planning Office (SPO) General Fund Contract, county and municipal dues and contracts with individual municipalities.

Estimated budget: \$180,000

Regional Economic Development

Economic development now plays an increasing role in the activities of SMRPC in each year. These activities will include:

- The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which provides one-on-one counseling to small business owners.
- Community Development Block Grant technical assistance to communities applying for certain economic development grant programs.
- Sharing staff of the Southern Maine Economic Development District (SMEDD), while attempting to establish our own York County wide Economic Development District.
- Working on Bi-state Economic Development project.
- Providing administrative, technical and policy support to the other economic development organizations.
- The support of the Business Resource Information Center.
- Brownfield Redevelopment Program
- Continuing with a Brownfields Assessment and Revolving Loan Fund program.

Funding sources include: Small Business Administration, EDA, EPA, State Planning Office, county and municipal funding and individual contracts.

Estimated budget: \$115,000

Highway and Transit Planning

SMRPC serves as the staff to:

- The Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (KACTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This is the census designated “urbanized area” in Maine, which is part of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Metropolitan Statistical area. The KACTS communities of Kittery, Eliot, South Berwick, Lebanon and Berwick appoint representatives to this organization.

Other roles in highway and transit planning include:

- Developing corridor plans for Routes 1, 236, and 109
- Shoreline Explorer Project
- Staffing the expansion of the Portland Area Transportation Study with GPCOG.
- Staffing the Traffic Incident Management work group
- Route 113 Scenic Byway

Funding sources include: Maine Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, county and municipal dues.

Estimated budget: \$205,000

Interlocal Cooperation and Coordination

- SMRPC will continue the Cooperative Purchasing Program, which saved member communities more than \$300,000 in 2008. Bids we run are free to member municipalities.
- Other coordination efforts include: regional meetings of Managers, Planners and Code Enforcement Officers organized by SMRPC. Work on regionalization issues and other county issues will also play a role. We also will continue to interact with Regional Councils on the New Hampshire side of the border.
- Coastal Resiliency Project (OOB, Biddeford, Saco, Scarborough)
- Working with York County Emergency Management on emergency operations’ planning.

Funding sources include: County and municipal dues, state and federal grants.

Estimated budget: \$60,000

Kids and Transportation

- Work with the Kids and Transportation Program will continue.

Funding sources include: Maine Turnpike Authority

Estimated budget: \$100,000

Charles Morgan
Director of Community and Economic Development

The past year has been an active and fruitful one for Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission and its municipalities. It has been my pleasure to work on a number of projects; many of these have been successful in securing State and/or federal grant funds. In addition, I am thankful for the opportunity to work with many talented and dedicated peers, colleagues and municipal leaders and officials

SMRPC in partnership with the Greater Portland Council of Governments continue to administer the Southern Maine Pine Tree Development Zone. This is one of eight Pine Tree Development Zones designated by the State of Maine. Under this program, businesses that grow, expand and relocate in designated Pine Tree Zones are eligible for State business development programs. There currently are fifteen communities in the SMPTZ. To date, thirty-two businesses have been certified by DECD as Pine Tree Zone businesses

SMRPC received \$400,000 from the US EPA Brownfields Program to continue to fund a Hazardous Substances Assessment Program and a Petroleum Assessment Program. In addition, SMRPC was awarded an additional \$1,000,000 for its Revolving Loan Fund Program. To date, SMRPC has received \$3,000,000 in Brownfields funds from EPA. SMRPC awarded a \$200,000 subgrant from its Revolving Loan Fund to the Caleb Foundation project in North Berwick. Also, SMRPC awarded a \$160,000 subgrant to the Town of Sanford for the Sanford Mill project. In addition, SMRPC approved a \$178,000 loan and a \$362,000 loan for the North Dam Mill in Biddeford. SMRPC is currently working on Assessment projects in North Berwick, Berwick, Saco, Biddeford, Kittery and Sanford.

The Southern Maine Economic Development District is a partnership between the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission and the Greater Portland Council of Governments and serves the economic development needs for York and Cumberland Counties. One of the primary activities of SMRPC in relation to EDA has been to continue the process of SMRPC becoming its own Economic Development District. This proposal has received broad local and regional support. SMRPC has received positive signals from EDA and we are hopeful that we should receive approval in the near future. The City of Biddeford received approximately \$60,000 from EDA to fund a downtown Master Plan for the Mill District.

This past year I have been serving as the President of the Economic Development Council of Maine (EDCM). This organization is the statewide professional organization for economic development practitioners. I was also asked to serve on the advisory committee tasked with developing the agenda for the first national EPA Revolving Loan Fund conference in Minneapolis.

Gordon Platt
Small Business Development Center

MaineSBDC @SMRPC

The past six months have been the most challenging in the seven years I have been working as a business counselor here in York County. Many businesses that were already having cash flow difficulties were pushed to their limits and some beyond. Many small businesses have tried to refinance during the past six months, but very few have been able to demonstrate the ability to repay the debt with declining sales and profits. One of the most effective tools available is cash flow management training which has helped many businesses squeeze the maximum profit out of the declining sales. The process of developing a Cash Flow Worksheet is based upon utilizing three years of sales and expense history to develop seasonal patterns and trends in costs. The three years of history provides reality based projections for the coming twelve months. Next, monthly comparisons of actual experience versus projected performance provide monthly information to base current management decisions rather than waiting until the year end. This pro-active process maximizes results from existing sales.

The second strategy that helps businesses survive in tough times is to maximize the marketing/advertising/sales efforts of the business. When sales start to slip managers tend to “shoot” the salesman and cut the advertising budget. A better approach is to contact your potential clients (and existing clients) to be sure you are serving their needs as fully as possible. Besides, if you are hiding under a rock waiting for the economy to turn around your competitors are banging on doors trying to replace you. Stay as active as possible during a down turn in the economy. Be the aggressor, not the victim of a more aggressive competitor. Try to capture as many new clients as you can during a slower economy. When the economy starts to rise again you will find you have increased your market share.

Finally, there is some very good news in York County during these difficult times. Many businesses have been placed on the market and many are finding willing buyers who have the ability to finance the purchase and can bring new capital to revitalize old businesses. Although the economy has made it difficult for many small businesses, there are a number of businesses who have trimmed their operating costs. As the economy turns around these businesses and the many others will be in a very strong position to grow. As you move around the county notice all of the public improvements and the private development efforts underway. This economic activity generates jobs. York County has had a few high-profile, large employers close their doors. Many of these people will have to return to school or other training facilities to build new skills.

It will take the economy a while to absorb all of these unemployed people, but as it is able to do so, the economy of York County will rebound. At this time of year we can also focus on our tourism industry. Although gasoline has recently moved upwards again, it is still much less expensive than last summer. If the weathermen (and women) cooperate a strong summer season will also help York County. Lately, there are a few positive indications that we may have already seen the worst of it. Employment is a trailing indicator, so when we see unemployment begin to decline we should be a few months into our recovery. A strong summer tourist season, coupled with the stimulus construction projects and good weather will help; at least temporarily.

Peg Sawyer Bookkeeper

Here I am writing my annual report – again. I will try to be brief.

Mostly I now hide out back in my cubicle, don my green visor and count money. There are days when I occasionally answer the phone. Sometimes a familiar voice says, “Are you still THERE?” My answer varies - depending on the caller. But, “Yes! I am still here.” Somehow being here and managing the commission’s finances is still the right place for me to be. Below are some reasons why:

S is for the professional staff that makes SMRPC such a great place to work. Their interests are wide-ranging; their jobs and skills are uniquely their own; their personalities vary greatly. Guess its their diversity and talents that makes such an enjoyable well-coordinated unit.

M is for the many sources of money that manage to flow in and out so opportunely, fulfilling our obligations in a timely fashion.

R is for the range of activities to which this office exposes us all – planning, zoning, transportation, economic development, environmental issues, community issues, emergency management planning, trolleys, governmental issues, loan processes and so much more.

P is for the people in our communities who make things happen – for our region, for our state, for their municipalities. Don’t stop your hard work!

C is for the constant challenges of deciphering timesheets, managing payroll and taxes, invoicing, tracking grants and payments, paying bills, monthly reporting, occasional collection efforts, bank account reconciliation plus other miscellaneous requests.

It feels good at the end of the day to be needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Marian Alexandre Office Manager

Another challenging year under my belt working with SMRPC and staff.

- Cooperative Purchasing Program—Handling bidding procedures for copy paper, road stripping and other services and supplies for joint cost savings to our municipalities and schools. Such joy securing lower prices than the year before.
- Executive Committee Meetings—Arranging meetings, sending out correspondence and writing minutes. I have learned more about brownfields, RLF Grants, etc. than I every thought I could.
- Web Page—Working jointly with Dave Carpenter in updating and filling SMRPC’s web page with informative news and articles.

Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh Senior Planner

Another year has flown by at SMRPC. The country is in a recession, people are losing their jobs, businesses are closing, development is at a stand-still – yet I have never been busier!!! I'm not sure if this pace will continue into next fiscal year, as many towns have reduced their budgets, but the need for planning in our region never takes a break.

As JT has mentioned in his report, we have been working non-stop on shoreland zoning changes – both text and mapping. Each town presents its own unique shoreland challenges, but we feel a sense of accomplishment for having produced updated, detailed, useful shoreland zoning maps and ordinances that will help to protect the region's natural resources.

Believe it or not, but plans are well underway for the 2010 Census. I've been involved in updating census tract and block boundaries, and am a member of the Maine Census Counts Committee, which has been given the task of ensuring that Maine gets the most accurate census count possible.

During the past year I have been working very closely with the Town of Acton to help implement their comprehensive plan. They are working on an extremely detailed update of the zoning and shoreland zoning ordinance, and their dedication is commendable!. I also continue to assist the towns of Hollis, Berwick, Wells, Arundel and North Berwick with a variety of planning related issues.

We held a unique and successful workshop in Saco during the winter on Historic Tax Credits, facilitated by Roxanne Eflin, Interim Program Director, Maine Downtown Center and Peter Morelli, Development Director, City of Saco. The workshop focused on how to leverage preservation incentives, planning tools and design with private investment to stimulate quality growth while protecting your community's historic sense of place.

Looking forward to working with and serving you next year!

Jamie Oman-Saltmarsh

David Carpenter MOVE! Program Coordinator



The *MOVE!* Program, formerly the Kids and Transportation Programs of York and Cumberland Counties, offers classroom presentations and resources that are designed to engage young minds by teaching Maine students how transportation impacts our world. The York County portion of *MOVE!* has been completely funded by the Maine Turnpike Authority and managed by the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission since its inception in the fall of 2000. The objective of the program is to provide students and teachers with a better understanding of the issues, impacts and options associated with transportation. Now entering our tenth year, we have been reaching approximately 2,000 students per year in schools throughout York County.

In 2008, the York and Cumberland County Kids and Transportation programs merged to form *MOVE!* with SMRPC serving as the coordinating agency. Due to the support of the Maine Turnpike Authority and Maine Department of Transportation, *MOVE!* offers a variety of transportation based presentations and resources to students from kindergarten thru twelfth grade in both counties. Because of this sponsorship, *MOVE!* continues to provide its services to teachers and students free of charge.

You can learn more about *MOVE!* by visiting our website: www.TheMoveProgram.org or by contacting me at (207) 324-1437.

Dave Carpenter
MOVE! Program Coordinator

2009-2010 SMRPC Budget

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>		<u>2009/2010</u>	
Scenic Byway	23,000		23,000	
KACTS	115,000		149,000	
Shoreline Explorer Planning	20,000		10,000	
PACTS	12,000		25,000	
Kids and Transportation	105,000		100,000	
DOT Rural Planning	50,000		50,000	
Fryeburg Bike/Ped Plan	15,000			
Brownfields RLF	25,000		30,000	
Brownfields Assessment	30,000		33,000	
CDBG TA/ERR	12,000		20,000	
EDA Planning Grant	50,000		50,000	
EDA/Other	5,000		15,000	
SPO	35,000		35,000	
PB TA/Ordinances/Dev Review/ Comp	65,000		48,000	
Shoreland Zoning	44,000		10,000	
Sanford Open Space	6,000			
Coastal Resiliency	20,000		25,000	
TNC	5,000			
PREP	5,000		12,000	
YCEMA	14,000		20,000	
Dues		95,000		95,000
Miscellaneous/Interest		6,000		10,000
TOTAL		\$757,000		\$760,000

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	2008/2009		2009/2010	
Salaries	450,822		470,822	
Health Benefits	85,302		87,000	
Payroll Taxes	34,191		35,311	
Retirement	22,494		23,541	
Independent Contractors	20,000			
SBDC	2,200		2,200	
Travel	12,500		16,000	
Training	6,000		7,000	
Computers/Supplies	8,000		7,000	
Memberships	5,000		5,000	
Postage	4,000		3,000	
Telephone	5,500		5,500	
Rent/Utilities	31,000		32,000	
Printing	6,000		4,000	
Supplies	4,500		4,500	
Insurance	4,600		10,200	
Accounting	5,700		5,700	
Copier/Maintenance	3,000		3,000	
IT Assistance/Licenses	17,000		20,000	
Capital Improvement Fund (Server Upgrade)			9,000	
Contingency//Reserve Account	14,000		9,000	
TOTAL	\$ 741,809		\$759,774	

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