

# **Town of New Boston**

## **Review of Recent Planning Services**

### **by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission**



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has provided the Town of New Boston with a wide range of services and resources to help address its planning and transportation needs.

The SNHPC appreciates working with Town staff from various departments including the Town Administration, Recreation, Planning, and Highways. The SNHPC also thanks the many community leaders we work with including representatives from the Recreation Commission, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, New Boston Central School Parent Teacher Association, Whipple Free Library, and New Boston Rail Trail Association.

The SNHPC staff sincerely values the dedication of New Boston's Commissioners Mark Suennen, who serves as Vice Chair and on the SNHPC Executive Committee, and David Litwinovich.

Despite nationwide inflation and cost increases across the vast spectrum of goods and services, the SNHPC has kept its municipal membership dues rate flat at \$0.676 per capita for the past four years by leveraging federal and other funding sources to benefit our member communities.

Highlights of the SNHPC's recent services to the Town of New Boston included:

- Coordinating the regional process to support the biennial update of the NHDOT's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TYP). In the draft FY 2025-2034 TYP, New Boston has secured more than \$4.3 Million for bridge and culvert replacement projects.
- Conducting 10 traffic counts in Town to monitor townwide traffic volume patterns and changes.
- Providing mobility management services to connect New Boston residents to free and affordable transportation options, with a particular focus on supporting members of traditionally underserved communities such as older adults and people with disabilities.
- Working with Town staff and stakeholders to complete a grant-funded "Pathways to Play" initiative to enhance regional recreation access, including fielding a regional survey to assess recreation needs and opportunities, and developing an interactive map of recreation facilities. Coordinating a Pathways to Play pilot project, which resulted in a Play Space Action Plan for the Village Center developed through collaborative engagement with local stakeholders.
- Updating the SNHPC Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.
- Completing a comprehensive update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to analyze historical trends, project future needs, and identify strategies to meet the region's housing needs.
- Launching implementation of a \$500K U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment grant, which will assess sites to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors
- Working with Town staff to solicit regionally significant economic development projects to be included in the Central-Southern Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Town of New Boston Representatives to the Commission  
Mark Suennen (Vice Chair, Exec. Comm.) and David Litwinovich