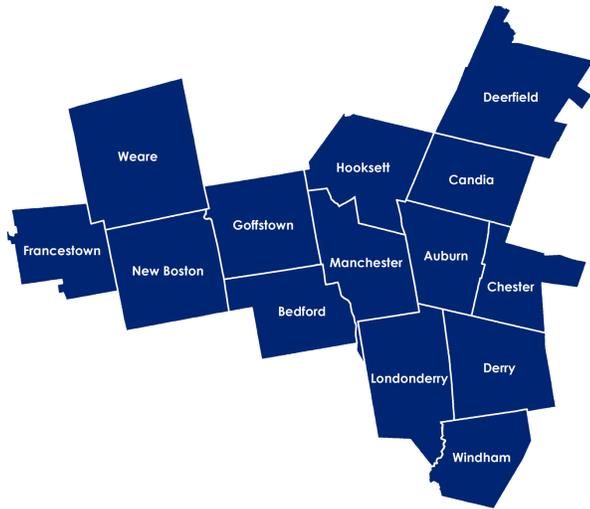


SNHPC Commissioner Introductory Guide



SNHPC serves as the coordinating agency for land use and transportation planning initiatives of 14 communities in the region: Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, Manchester, New Boston, Weare, and Windham. Our success comes in part from our dedication in building relationships with each of our communities, developing partnerships with agencies at every level, and nurturing collaborative efforts in our approach to planning. We strive to craft effective and efficient solutions to preserve the special character of our communities and valuable resources of the region.

COMMISSIONER ROLES



The role of a SNHPC Commissioner is to offer insight and guidance regarding projects and processes of the SNHPC Commission through thoughtful discussions at meetings, input to staff for reports, and adoption of reports and other planning documents. Additional responsibilities include adopting the Annual Budget and Annual Dues; adopting and amending the Bylaws; and electing Officers and Executive Committee members.

SNHPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



The Commission is also the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region and accordingly SNHPC Commissioners also serve as members of the MPO Policy Committee. The MPO conducts transportation planning in a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous manner. The MPO Policy Committee provides a forum for the development of regional transportation policies for the SNHPC MPO and acts as a vehicle to coordinate the implementation of these policies. A key responsibility of the MPO Policy Committee is to ensure that the SNHPC MPO adheres to required federal and state transportation programming processes.

COMMISSIONER COMMITMENT & MEETING FREQUENCY



Typically, Commissioners are nominated for a four-year-term by their community's Planning Board and appointed by their community's governing body. The Commission and MPO holds 12 monthly meetings at the SNHPC Office (438 Dubuque St., Manchester) at 11:30 a.m., typically on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Virtual participation is also an option, although to establish a quorum eight Commissioners from seven communities must be physically present. Communities have anywhere from two to four Commissioners as well as alternates. The Executive Committee also holds regular meetings at the SNHPC Office at 7:30 am on the first Thursday of every month.

Regional Planning and becoming an SNHPC Commissioner requires only excellent listening skills, thoughtful discussion, and an interest in your community and the region.

If you have an interest in becoming an SNHPC Commissioner, please contact your local town planning official to see how you can get involved.