



MINUTES OF THE NHCOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

1/23/2026
Fully Remote

Executive Committee Member Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cornwall , Gordon Ridgway, At-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Hartford , Dan Jerram, Chair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harwinton , Michael Criss, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roxbury , Patrick Roy, Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Morris , Tom Weik, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warren , Greg LaCava, At-Large

Others in Attendance:

NHCOC Staff: Rob Phillips, Rista Malanca, Annmarie Ryan

Guests: None

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:35AM

1. Continued Workshop - discussion and direction on PA25-1 funding for Affordable Housing and MSW/MS4-Floodplain initiatives as it relates to FY26-27 budget preparation and overall strategic/programmatic planning.

The group reviewed a revised proposal that incorporated feedback from the prior meeting. Several participants had previously reviewed the proposal and agreed to move forward with discussion.

NHCOC emphasized the need to submit a supplemental **RSG work plan** to OPM to access up to **\$400,000** before the fiscal year ends. Funds would support **affordable housing** and **MSW/MS4** initiatives, with housing funds required to focus on **housing diversity**.

Staff presented a staffing proposal including:

- One **housing planner**
- One **strategic advisor** (potentially with NRRA)
- And/or one **part-time recycling coordinator**

The group supported addressing staffing needs but raised concerns about seniority, qualifications, and long-term funding stability. Proposed positions were clarified as experienced planners, not director-level roles. The additional staffing necessary to meet **state-mandated regional housing growth plan requirements**, including outreach and coordination across 21 municipalities. The proposed positions would complement, not duplicate, existing municipal housing work.

Concerns were raised about hiring quality, organizational capacity, and whether staff or consultants would produce tangible housing outcomes. Leadership confirmed all hires would be overseen internally and aligned with state compliance requirements. The group discussed varying levels of municipal interest and the need to identify engaged towns. Housing challenges for older residents seeking to downsize were noted, along with potential federal capital gains policy changes affecting housing supply.

The consensus was to move this on to the full board for consideration under a Special Meeting the following week in an effort to submit the supplemental RSG workplan to OPM.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS WERE MADE

2. Approval of the May 20, 2025 and January 15, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

TABLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

NHCOG staff