

**Central Corridors Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes 17 January 2008**  
New Gloucester Fire Hall

**Attendance:** Sues Austin, State Legislator; Deborah Cabana, Gray, Rosemary Kulow, New Gloucester; Amanda Lessard, New Gloucester; David Lunt, New Gloucester; Deborah Mancini, Gray; Tracy Scheckel, Gray; Dick Wood, Gray  
**Staff:** Matti Gurney, GPCOG; Jonathan LaBonte, MTA

Matti Gurney opened the meeting with introductions.

**Community Updates:**

**Gray:** Dick Wood provided the group an update on how multi agencies are working together at the discretion of the County to cut costs. The town is working on enacting the Gray Village Master Plan as well as developing a joint marketing committee with New Gloucester. Deborah Mancini updated the group on the development of the Little Sebago Lake Association grant writing activities, and their involvement with Gray and Windham. Mancini also described to the group the three zone changes in Gray – Village Center, Business 1 (BT1), and Business 2 (BT2). Sues Austin told the group that the town had hired former Falmouth town planner, George Theborge as contract planner for the town. One of the first things George will be working on is development of the town's ordinances which are outdated.

**New Gloucester:** Rosemary Kulow gave an update on the Mayo Bridge/MTA project. Kulow let the group know that council members were very pleased with MTA's outreach and willingness to work with the town. Amanda Lessard was recently hired as New Gloucester assistant town planner. Lessard previously worked for MaineDOT. The town is also working on financing for a new fire department. The town is currently working with MaineDOT and MTA on a master plan for the upper village. Rosemary told the group that the two towns had succeeded in creating a mutual aid plan for the Hidden Hallows Trail rd. Even though the road is in New Gloucester the town of Gray would provide fire assistance to the road in the case of an emergency. New Gloucester Parks and Recreation Committee is looking forward to working with Gray on the development of a joint Parks and Rec. Dept.

**MTA:** Jonathan LaBonte told the group that he was pleased that the residents were happy and MTA will continue to work with residents as the Mayo Bridge project develops. Highway speed tolling at the New Gloucester toll is part of MTA's five-year plan. The location (safety) of the toll makes it a prime candidate for installment. The service plaza in West Gardener has broken ground. Jonathan also suggested inviting Chip Morrison and Lucien Gosselin formerly of Lewiston-Auburn Economic Development Corporation to share their experiences with the group on how to promote the region.

**Exit 63 Master Plan Scope of Work:**

Matti Gurney told the group that GPCOG will be meeting with MTA and MaineDOT for review of the proposed Exit 63 Master Plan scope of work. GPCOG will present a revised scope to the committee in March.

**Lakes Region Transit Service:**

Gurney let the group know that David Willauer had presented to Selectmen in New Gloucester, Bridgton, Raymond, Gray, and Harrison on the Lakes Region Transit Service. The service includes weekly bus service from Harrison to Portland with one coach-style bus to start at projected funding levels. Stop locations, fares, and route planning will be organized by a transit committee comprised of Lakes Region towns.

Next meeting scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> at Stimson Hall in Gray from 6:00PM – 7:30PM