City of Rochester Planning Board

Monday April 1, 2019 Rochester Performing Arts Center 32 North Main Street, Rochester, NH 03867 (These minutes were approved on April 15,2019)

<u>Members Present</u> Nel Sylvain, *Chair* Robert May, *Vice Chair* Matthew Kozinski, *Secretary* Mark Collopy Terry Dwyer Tim Fontneau Donald Hamann Mark Sullivan David Walker

Members Absent

<u>Alternate Members Present</u> Joyce Bruckner James Gray

Staff: James Campbell, *Director of Planning & Development* Seth Creighton, *Chief Planner* Michelle Mears, *Senior Planner*

(These are the legal minutes of the meeting and are in the format of an overview of the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be on file in the City clerk's office for reference purposes. It may be copied for a fee.)

Mr. Campbell introduced Strong Towns Founder and President Charles Marohn. He said Mr. Marohn is a Professional Engineer licensed in the state of Minnesota and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, he also has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning.

Charles Marohn gave a presentation on breaking out of the Housing Trap. Mr. Marohn spoke about the Great Depression, World War II which brought the GI bill to get people back to being able to purchase homes, interest rates, who benefits from high house prices and who doesn't, the economy, changing neighborhoods, and public investment process for a Strong Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Galloway, Planning Secretary