

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES  
LRPC COMMISSION MEETING  
Meredith Community Center, Meredith, NH  
September 26, 2016

PRESIDING: John Ayer, Vice-Chair  
QUORUM: Present

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LRPC STAFF

John Cotton (Andover)	Carl Carder (Bookkeeper)
George Condodemetraky (Belmont)	Jeff Hayes (Executive Director)
Ralph Thompson (Effingham)	
John Ayer (Gilford)	
Mitch Manseau (Hebron)	
Robert Snelling (Holderness)	
Dean Anson, II (Laconia)	<b>OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES</b>
Warren Hutchins (Laconia)	Jim Wells (Franklin)
Hamilton McLean (Laconia)	Steven Camerino (Meredith)
William Bayard (Meredith)	
Douglas Read (Northfield)	
Ian Raymond (Sanbornton)	
Patricia Farley (Tamworth)	
Kate Nesbit (Tuftonboro)	

1. Welcome and Introductions

J. Ayer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. and declared a quorum present to do business. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

Motion to approve minutes from September 26, 2016. *M/S/P Raymond/Wingate*

J. Hayes presented proposed FY 17 budget highlights and the detailed budget.

Motion to approve FY17 Budget *M/S/P Snelling/Wingate*

J. Hayes presented the proposed FY 18 Municipal Appropriations request.

Motion to approve FY18 Municipal Appropriations *M/S/P Farley/Anson*

J. Hayes introduced the speaker.

**2. Jack Munn, Chief Planner at Southern NH Planning Commission-SmartPower and Solar UP NH.** SmartPower is the nation's leading non-profit marketing firm dedicated to promoting clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency. Their mission is to help Americans make smart energy choices by creating on-the-ground campaigns that engage the public and generate measurable energy actions. Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and SmartPower have teamed up to provide Solar Up NH to communities in the state. This Round 3 of the program is focused on the SNHPC Region before Solar Up NH is taken out statewide to other interested Regions in the state. The program is designed to help accelerate the growth of residential and commercial solar across our region using a proven model – Solarize. There was a short question and answer period after the presentation.

**3. Roundtable.**

Sanbornton built a biomass plant in 2008 at one elementary school and is currently building another plant because they have saved \$1.3 million dollars in heating costs in the school system. Sanbornton is also installing five hundred solar panels at one of the elementary schools. (Raymond/Sanbornton)

Laconia received recognition for the attractive construction of the new bridge downtown. The Colonial Theater project is in the major demolition stage. The theater has been well preserved; however, they will need to install all new electrical and HVAC systems. Previously the theater held 1100 seats but they have had to decrease the number of seats to 800. (Hutchins/Laconia)

J. Hayes mentions that he serves on the Belknap Economic Development Commission and they have received large donations for the Colonia Theater project which is a beautiful asset to the city of Laconia.

Gilford is renovating a movie theater. It appears that the entire site where the theater is located is being renovated and overhauled to bring in new businesses. Ayer believes that they will know more at the next Planning Board meeting. (Ayer/Gilford)

**4. Other Business.**

J. Hayes discussed smart energy opportunities for the Lakes Region, foundation funding support for Smart Power and a potential role for LRPC in publishing an RFP and negotiating lower rates for communities similar to what we do for the regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program.

Next month's meeting is on Monday, October 24, 2016 at Franklin Savings Bank in Tilton, NH at 6pm. Topics and presentations will include Regional Energy Aggregation (another regional opportunity negotiate lower rates for communities) and the Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation.

**5. Adjournment.**

John Ayer announced the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Carder,  
Acting Meeting Recorder

