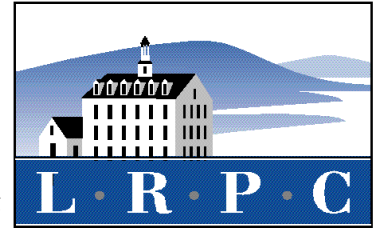


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MINUTES
LRPC COMMISSION MEETING

Wolfeboro Public Library
 Wolfeboro, NH
 April 29, 2103

PRESIDING: Stanley Bean, Jr.
QUORUM: No

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.
COMMUNITIES PRESENT: 13

MEMBERS PRESENT:**OTHERS:**

John Cotton (Andover)	Mike Phelps (Tuftonboro Conservation Commission)
David Kerr (Barnstead)	Donald Foudriat (Ossipee Lake Alliance)
Jean Marshall (Freedom)	Bob & Phyllis Reynolds
Scott Dunn (Gilford)	Al Hoch
Stanley O. Bean, Jr. (Gilmanton)	Ken Marschner
Mitch Manseau (Hebron)	Bill Marcussen
Robert Snelling (Holderness)	Sarah Silk
Warren Hutchins (Laconia)	Nancy Carr
Wayne Crowley (Northfield)	Joyce Parsons (Barnstead Planning Board)
Douglas Reed (Northfield)	Marcia Santner
Patricia Jones (Ossipee)	Gary Mason (Wolfeboro Conservation Commission)
Carmine Cioffi (Sanbornton)	Lynda DaBica (Back Bay PA)
Stephen Wingate (Tuftonboro)	Peg Richardson
Robert Murray, III (Wolfeboro)	Jonathan & Nancy Downing
Chuck Storm (Wolfeboro)	Corey Lane (Green Mountain Conservation Group)
	David Owen
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Steve Wingate
Dean Anson, II (Laconia)	Ron Livesey
Barbara Perry (Moultonborough)	Kathy Bernard (Wolfeboro Milfoil Control)
Roger ter Kuile (Ossipee)	Staci Pope (Wolfeboro Planning Board)
	Linda Murray (Wolfeboro Selectmen)
SPEAKERS:	Rebecca Hanson (Squam Lakes Association)
Amy Smagula, NHDES	Rep. Mark McConkey
LRPC STAFF:	
Kimon Koulet	
Mike Izard	

1. Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Stan Bean called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and called for a motion to declare a quorum. A motion to declare a quorum for the purpose of conducting business was made and unanimously approved. *M/S/P Storm/Murray.*

2. Motion for Approval of the January 28, 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 LRPC Commission meeting was made and unanimously approved. *M/S/P Cioffi/Storm.*

3. **Milfoil and Invasive Species Management Strategies: Challenges and Opportunities.**

NHDES Exotic Species Program Coordinator and Freshwater Biologist Amy Smagula presented an overview of invasive aquatic species in Lakes Region water bodies. She used GIS mapping to depict the widespread infestation of variable milfoil throughout the Region, which is the only invasive plant in the Region at this time. She reviewed worries associated with the spread of the invasive species and the techniques being employed at the state level to affect a less reactive and more proactive strategy and planning for the long term. While efforts at the local level within the Region tend to be well coordinated and good progress has been made within the past 3-4 years, there are more towns around Lake Winnepesaukee that need to become active. She reviewed the roles of state and local entities in invasive aquatic control projects, emphasizing that working together and integrated management are key to long-term success. She reviewed prevention control methods being utilized at this time as well as state and national research initiatives. She shared examples of looming plant and animal threats outside the Region including a particularly invasive species of water chestnut on the Nashua River, and encouraged those in attendance to make an attempt to get more people active in prevention and early detection activities. Additional information can be found on the NHDES website and questions and comments can be forwarded to amy.smagula@des.nh.gov. Ms. Smagula responded to questions posed by the audience:

- A combination of two herbicide products were used in the Wolfeboro/Moultonborough area this year that are designed to work synergistically to more effectively control milfoil.
- Fishing tournament participants have been targeted for education efforts, however, the transient boater is believed to be a much larger contributor to the spread of milfoil.
- Grants for ongoing projects are available from NHDES at this time. An attempt is made to award funding to more groups at a lower level in order to support existing control actions. A matrix is used for rating projects and a plan at the lake association or town level awards additional points.
- Watershed related work is being undertaken at the state level to limit the nutrients coming into lakes, however, invasive growth is seen in both nutrient rich lakes and lakes with little runoff.
- Legislative efforts are being proposed that would allow those from out of state to contribute to invasive species control.
- The Lake Host program is working with the city of Nashua to control the invasive water chestnut on the Nashua River.

4. **Lakes Region Transportation Improvement Plan**

LRPC Planner Mike Izard presented the regional transportation priorities recommended by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) in conjunction with the update of the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The recommendations are forwarded to NHDOT in the fall of odd years, and used by the state in its Ten Year Plan (TYP) update. Nine RPCs throughout the state used a set of uniform criteria to evaluate projects statewide. The LRPC TAC met early in the year to establish the relative priority of each of the criteria used to evaluate projects in the Region. The top five projects identified on the list are currently included in the state's 2013 - 2022 TYP. Twelve projects were identified that are not included in the current TYP. Six red listed bridge projects in the Region are included in the current TYP but will be submitted to NHDOT separately.

1. US Route 3 in Meredith - Reduced scope of project from US Route 104 to traffic lights in Meredith focusing on improvements in and around the main traffic light in Meredith. Reduced from \$12 million in the current TYP to \$5 million. The project rose to the number

- one recommendation largely because of congestion and safety issues during the summer months.
2. NH Route 16 from NH Route 28 to NH Route 25, Ossipee (3.5 miles) - Rehabilitate road and intersection improvements. The intersection is the primary concern, however, there are a number of other intersections along the stretch of roadway.
 3. NH Routes 16/25, Ossipee (3.2 miles) - Replace three red listed bridges as well as pavement rehabilitation.
 4. NH Routes 16/41/25 intersection, Ossipee - Congestion and safety issues.
 5. Alton/Barnstead - Project reduced from rehabilitation of \$7 million, 7 mile stretch of road to rehabilitation of intersections at North and North Barnstead Roads. The site distance at the intersection is extremely poor and very difficult to safely navigate.

Mr. Izard responded to questions posed by the audience:

- There is an ongoing study in the Town of Wolfeboro to identify what can be done to mitigate problems with seasonal commuter congestion, drainage, and uneven concrete. The project is not currently in the TYP, but is rated #1 in contingent projects. Funding for improvements to a section of the state highway was approved by voters, as well as \$100,000 for planning. It is not known if the final plan for road improvements includes a left hand turn lane into the hospital.
- Route 25 from Pleasant Street to the Center Harbor/Meredith town line including several intersections along the way is included in the recommendations.
- Routes 171/28 in Ossipee were the subject of a road safety audit, but are not at the level of projects funded through the TYP.
- There is a list of tertiary projects that includes the state routes in Freedom.
- Those interested in road safety audits should fill out an application with NHDOT.

A short video demonstrating safety concerns at the intersection at North and North Barnstead Roads in Barnstead was viewed. A motion to approve the 2013 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan was made and unanimously approved. *M/S/P/ Dunn/Storm*

5. LRPC FY 14 Budget

In response to an inquiry posed by S. Dunn of Gilford, K. Koulet explained that the decrease in contracted services is largely attributable to the completion of the Brownfields program in December 2012; labor increased by 2.3% as a result of increases based on performance for low level staff as well as an increase in the number of hours for the bookkeeping position; and retirement contributions increased 20-25% for participants in the NH Retirement System. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made and unanimously approved. *M/S/P Storm/Snellings*

6. Other Business

K. Koulet encouraged all commissioners and community members to attend the Regional Conversation scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. at Laconia Middle School. The event will bring together UNH, NH Listens and others to identify what is good about the Lakes Region today, and what can be done to retain it for future generations and will provide the opportunity to share input to shape the mission and vision for the Lakes Region Plan. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24 at Church Landing in Meredith.

There being no other business, S. Bean declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.