

# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES LRPC COMMISSION MEETING Squam Lakes Association Center, Holderness October 23, 2017

**PRESIDING:** Wayne Crowley, Chair  
**QUORUM:** Present

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	LRPC STAFF
John Ayer (Gilford)	Jeff Hayes (Executive Director)
Janet Towse (Alexandria)	Laurel Briere (Executive Assistant)
David Toth (Ashland)	
Mardean Badger (Ashland)	<b>Presenters</b>
Steve Favorite (Bristol)	EB James, Squam Lakes Association Executive Director
Richard Egan (Gilford)	Rebecca Hanson, Squam Lakes Association Director of Conservation
Mitch Manseau (Hebron)	Michele L. Tremblay, Naturesource Communications
Robert Snelling (Holderness)	
Brandee Loughlin (Laconia)	<b>Other Interested Parties</b>
Scott Bartlett (Moultonborough)	No one identified
David E. Katz (New Hampton)	
Douglas Read (Northfield)	
Karen Ober (Sanbornton)	
Roger Murray, III (Wolfeboro)	
Matthew Sullivan (Wolfeboro)	

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Wayne Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion to approve and declare a quorum exists was unanimously approved.  
*M/S/P Ayer/Favorite*

A motion to accept the Minutes of September 25, 2017 with the below mentioned corrections was unanimously approved.  
*M/S/P Snelling/Bartlett*

Two corrections were suggested:

1. Under Sanbornton's Commissioner Roundtable it should read that the land was leased to the solar company, not the town
2. Item 4, second paragraph. The meeting location should read Squam Lakes Association Center.

## 2. Bylaw Amendment Change Discussion and Vote

W. Crowley announced that the result of the bylaw change ballot was that a majority of the Commissioners voted in favor of the bylaw change. The Executive Board and officers will now serve two-year terms.

## 3. Introduction by Squam Lakes Association

EB James introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) Center. He discussed what the SLA is and the work it does. He briefly spoke about their new AmeriCorps program starting November 1<sup>st</sup> and their work on updating their Watershed Plan before introducing Rebecca Hanson.

R. Hanson discussed invasive species common to Squam Lake, milfoil in particular. She reviewed techniques they had tried in the past that have not worked. The most effective method has been removing the plants by their roots by hand, with the help of a suction machine to bring the plants out of the water. She shared data showing how much they have removed over the past several years and how effective they have been. She briefly discussed some terrestrial invasive species. A Q&A period followed.

## 4. Presentation – “River Runners™ 2017” Invasive Species Training Michele L. Tremblay, Naturesource Communications

J. Hayes introduced M. Tremblay. M. Tremblay briefly spoke about the history of the Rivers Council and their goals. Some items discussed:

- Definition of exotic/invasive species: Species that has been purposefully or accidentally introduced to an area it is not native to
- Characteristics of invasive species (typically more “showy” and colorful than native)
- The dangers of invasive species in rivers, that pieces can travel downstream and invade other bodies of water.
- Ecological and economic impacts
  - Why invasive species are bad
- Current status of infestations in the state.

She shared examples of common invasive plants in the state and their native “lookalikes.” She also shared examples of invasive species not yet in NH, but are have been detected in surrounding states. Examples were shared of invasive plants and creatures. She had several specimens that were passed around the group of water chestnuts, zebra mussels and Asian clams.

Notes on what to do:

- Prevention
- Early Detection
- Rapid Response
- Long Term Management

She brought binders with information on invasive species and how to become a River Runner or Citizen Scientist. She briefly reviewed how to look for invasive species and what to do if someone believes they have found one (send a sample or photo to her or River Runners and mark the location). She referenced two books available for download on <https://nhrivers.org/river-runners/> as well as other materials and

provided her private cell phone number if anyone wanted to send her photos of potentially invasive species.

A Q&A period followed.

## **5. Other Business**

The next meeting will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Lakes Region Community College. LRPC has teamed up with them to host a legislative reception.

W. Crowley asked about the Bylaw Change Ballots. L. Briere noted that there were 14 votes for, none against. The vote passed. More ballots were handed in after the meeting had ended, bringing the total to 19 for, none against.

## **6. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Briere  
Meeting Recorder