

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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Lakes Region Planning Commission

Minutes of October 24, 2022 Commission Meeting Approved March 27, 2023

Moultonborough Public Library
4 Holland Street
Moultonborough, NH

PRESENT

Commissioners		Others	
Ashland:	Mardean Badger	Donna Crisp Duclos	Andover
Barnstead:	David Kerr		
Bristol:	William Dowey		
Center Harbor:	Mark Hildebrand		
Gilford:	John Ayer		
Holderness:	Robert Snelling		
Laconia:	Stacy Soucy		
Moultonborough:	Cristina Ashjian		
	Celeste Burns		
Northfield:	Wayne Crowley	LRPC Staff	
	Douglas Read	Executive Director:	Jeff Hayes
Sandwich:	Bonnie Osler	Regional Planner:	David Jeffers
Tamworth:	Kelly Goodson	Solid Waste Planner:	Matt Rose
	Wyatt Berrier, Alt.	Administrative Assistant:	Linda Waldron

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by Chair John Ayer.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Ayer asked if there were any questions, comments, discussions, or changes concerning the minutes before the Commission for approval. Receiving none of the aforementioned, Chair Ayer asked for a motion for approval. Mardean Badger put forth a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Bonnie Osler seconded the motion. Chair Ayer conducted a verbal vote on the motion with all voices signifying they were in favor. Motion passed.

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

Executive Director Hayes referred to attendance issues, mentioning that our By-Laws govern that if a Commissioner misses 3 consecutive meetings, the Executive Board is directed to prepare a letter notifying the municipality served by the Commissioner of the lack of attendance. This is something we have been deficient in doing and we would like to back on track. Given that our previous notification letter was outdated, a new draft was prepared which was provided to the Commissioner's at the outset of the meeting. This letter was provided for informational purposes only and does not need to be approved.

5. Presentations (FY23 Solid Waste Management Grant & Household Hazardous Waste)

Executive Director Hayes provided a brief history and specifics of the Solid Waste and Household Hazardous Waste programs, then introduced Matt Rose (Solid Waste Planner) and Dave Jeffers (Regional Planner) who had organized a PowerPoint presentation.

Matt Rose took the podium and further introduced himself, providing information on the USDA Solid Waste Management Grant which the LRPC has applied for and been awarded for a few years now. This year's (FY23) award was the largest ever received at \$147,300. Matt explained in detail what is involved in each of the areas the grant covers: technical assistance, research, expansion of our regional HHW collection program, regional purchases, and public outreach/education.

Matt Rose then introduced Dave Jeffers to speak on our HHW collection events and plans to expand the program. Dave provided a history of past events and supplied some data regarding this past summer's activity. It is anticipated that next year's collection dates will remain the same, but that some site locations will change. Dave mentions that there is a need for future discussions regarding the collection of universal waste (e.g., CFL light bulbs, waste oil, mercury devices, fire extinguishers, tires, rechargeable batteries, etc.). Finally, 2023 is the last year of the fixed rate contract with our waste disposal vendor (Tradebee) therefore it is anticipated that negotiations on a new contract will begin soon.

Matt returned to the podium to offer information on regional purchases in solid waste management. This would include items such as bailers and storage bins for recyclables and paper which would benefit municipalities in their recycling programs. Other considerations include water and sewer updates to protect our groundwater, large scale storage facilities to accommodate smaller communities that cannot recycle on their own, and renewable energy implementation (e.g., solar and wind farms, etc.).

6. Regional Updates/Announcements

- a. PRLAC – Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan Update. Dave Jeffers touched upon the corridor management plan update in coordination with PRLAC. This plan has not been updated since 2013 and we expect it to take about a year to complete. This update can then be adopted by communities for use in their master plans.
- b. Planning & Land Use Regulations Book Order. Executive Director Hayes advises that orders have been placed and we expect books to be delivered early next year.

7. Commissioner Roundtable

Due to the length of the presentation and the conclusion of the meeting being minutes away, Chair Ayer suggested that rather than cycling through everyone present for news, anyone with something substantial to share should be heard.

C. Ashjian, Moultonborough—Welcomed the LRCP to her Town and was glad we were there. She mentioned that the school district intends on erecting an electronic video message board on governmental property located at the gateway to the village. Although unlikely, she remains hopeful they may reconsider this decision.

S. Soucy, Laconia—Mentions that the DPW in Laconia is short 6 employees and wonders if anyone present may know of any people with a CDL license looking for work. The plans for the old Laconia State School property which was presented to the City last week has not been finalized and there are still 90 days before the sale will be complete. There is much more detailed information needed from the developer.

8. Adjournment

Chair Ayer thanked Dave and Matt for their presentations.

Donna Crisp Duclos of Andover spoke up to inform the Commissioners that she will be appointed as Commissioner for the Town of Andover this Wednesday evening. She looks forward to future meetings as she got a great deal of information from tonight's meeting.

Jeff reminds Commissioners that next month's meeting is being held at the public library in Plymouth and that the topic will be transportation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.