

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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LRPC Commissioner Meeting

Location: Hobbs Tavern & Brewing Co. | West Ossipee

Minutes of March 27, 2023

Approved April 24, 2023

Commissioners Present		Commissioners Absent	
Ashland:	Mardean Badger	Alexandria:	Chet Caron
Barnstead:	David Kerr	Andover:	Donna Crisp Duclos
Center Harbor:	Mark Hildebrand	Bridgewater:	Ken Weidman
Freedom:	Mark McConkey	Bristol:	William Dowe (excused)
Gilford:	John Ayer	Danbury:	John Taylor
Holderness:	Robert Snelling		Mark Zaccaria (excused)
Laconia:	Stacy Soucy	Effingham:	Mark Hempton
Meredith:	Stephanie Maltais	Freedom:	Jean Marshall (excused)
Moultonborough:	Cristina Ashjian	Hebron:	Ivan Quinchia
	Celeste Burns	Laconia:	Dean Anson, II (excused)
New Hampton:	Andy Anderson		Wes Anderson (excused)
Plymouth:	John Christ	New Hampton:	David Katz
Tamworth:	Pat Farley	Northfield:	Wayne Crowley (excused)
	Wyatt Berrier		Doug Read (excused)
Tuftonboro:	Steve Wingate	Plymouth:	Bill Bolton
Wolfeboro:	Roger Murray, III		Zachary Tirrell
	Tavis Austin	Sanbornton:	Robert Lambert
		Sandwich:	Bonnie Osler (excused)
			David Rabinowitz
		Tamworth:	Kelly Goodson
		Tilton:	Jane Alden (excused)
			Jeanie Forrester (excused)

LRPC Staff: Executive Director Jeff Hayes, Regional Planner Dave Jeffers, Land Use Planner Christine Marion, Administrative Assistant Linda Waldron.

Also present were several non-commissioners, municipal personnel, and guests.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Ayer. Chair Ayer acknowledged the new Commissioners who have been appointed since our last meeting in November along with those who have resigned, retired, and been reappointed. He thanked our host, Hobbs Tavern, for their hospitality. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Ayer asked for a motion for approval of the October 2022 meeting minutes. Pat Farley put forth a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mardean Badger seconded the motion. A verbal vote on the motion was

taken with all voices signifying they were in favor. Motion passed. Next, Chair Ayer asked for a motion for approval of the November 2022 meeting minutes. Mardean Badger made the motion for approval which was seconded. There was no discussion, and another verbal vote was taken which was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

3. Old Business

Chair Ayer directed the attendees to the page in the meeting packet where the change to the By-Laws at section 8.5 proposed back in November 2022 was located and recapped the need for the change. Executive Director Hayes expanded on this explanation such that new members would understand the reason for the change and existing members would be reminded of same. Chair Ayer asked for any discussion of which there was none. Given that the required waiting period for comment has long passed, a voice vote was taken. All who signified were in the affirmative and thus the change was approved.

4. New Business

a. Commitment to Serve and Conflict of Interest Policies. Executive Director Hayes expressed the need for these policies to be certain that appointed commissioners understand the rules and responsibilities of being a commissioner and to be certain that no conflicts of interest exist between serving as a commissioner at the LRPC and other obligations one may have outside the LRPC. All Commissioners were asked to be certain they sign a copy of each and turn them in to administration as soon as possible.

b. Commissioner Biographies. Executive Director Hayes requested that Commissioners submit biographies and a photo of themselves for inclusion on our website, noting that the Executive Board members have already done this. He feels it is important to personalize the organization and get to know each other better, plus it will allow for the general public to get familiar with who is representing their municipality.

c. Wearing Name Tags. Chair Ayer reminded everyone that they should be wearing their name tags to all commission meetings so they can be identified properly as commissioners vs. non-commissioners who may attend, and for recognition in discussions and voting matters.

5. Presentations

Executive Director Hayes announced the presentations for the evening. Up first was Dave Jeffers who reviewed various aspects of the Lakes Region Housing Needs Assessment slide presentation he had prepared, followed by Christine Marion who outlined the nuances of the fair share housing numbers assigned by the State to each community. She also pointed out some of the legal aspects of compliance, and stressed that preplanning will be key to making this work. Municipalities should be looking at their Master Plans and Zoning Ordinances in order to make adjustments which will accommodate their individual allocations. By doing so, the town remains in control of where the affordable housing units are built.

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the scheduled presentation which was to include the Norther Border Regional Commission and InvestNH Housing discussing available funding mechanisms to assist municipalities in implementing their fair share numbers was unable to go forward.

6. Regional Updates/Announcements

None.

7. Commissioner Roundtable

Tabled due to time constraints.

8. Adjournment

Chair Ayer thanked Dave and Christine for their presentations, apologized for the technical difficulties, and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be on April 24th at the Meredith Public Library. Meeting was adjourned.