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LRPC Commissioner Meeting

Location: Opechee Inn | Laconia

Minutes of May 22, 2023

Approved June 26, 2023

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

LRPC Staff: Executive Director Jeff Hayes, Administrative Assistant Linda Waldron, Sr. Transportation Planner Sean Chamberlin, Solid Waste Planner Matt Rose.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice Chair Katz in the absence of Chair Ayer (who arrived later). A quorum was established. New commissioners were acknowledged, and announcements were made.

2. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Katz asked if there were any discussions regarding the minutes of April's meeting as presented. There were none. Commissioner Badger made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Austin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken in which all members present were in favor. Motion passed.

3. Old Business

- a. Proposed By-Law Amendments. Executive Director Hayes advised that, after reconsideration, review of the proposed amendments would be premature as the language for their intent needs to be revisited by the Executive Board. This review will be tabled until such time as the Executive Board can revise further.
- b. Commitment to Serve & Conflict of Interest Documents. Executive Director Hayes reminded Commissioners that, as a condition for being a Commissioner, those who have not already done so need to review, sign, and return these previously distributed documents at their earliest convenience.
- c. Annual Meeting Update. Executive Director Hayes provided the update noting that this year's meeting will be held at Mill Falls and we will have two guest speakers discussing clean and renewable energy matters. Awards being presented were also mentioned. Ticket prices have been set at \$50 per person with the LRPC subsidizing the difference from the actual cost.

Commissioner Dowey inquired if there were any updates concerning the RHNA report discussed at April's meeting. Executive Director Hayes commented that there have not been any new developments since the last meeting, but noted that Commissioner Crowley had provided him with input suggesting that since we are not legally required to publish the fair share numbers, we might just want to remove the entire table from the report. Also, Commissioner Forrester suggested that we invite Commissioner Taylor Caswell (BEA) to a meeting to discuss the economy, NH housing, funding, etc. with an eye towards getting more of our questions answered. He is tentatively scheduled for our September meeting.

4. New Business

None.

5. Other Business

Executive Director Hayes acknowledged that there is an abundance of information on the NHARPC Legislative Bill Tracking document provided in the meeting packet, albeit a little difficult to read given the need to reduce the document size to fit in the packet. This data is received by the LRPC each month and passed on for reference. The LRPC is willing to provide input, assist with inquiries, or attempt to obtain more information if anyone is interested in a particular bill or bills. A larger version can also be provided upon request.

6. Presentations

Vice Chair Katz announced the presentations and Executive Director Hayes introduced the presenters: Sr. Transportation Planner (STP) Sean Chamberlain speaking on transportation and Solid Waste Planner (SWP) Matt Rose speaking on solid waste research and events.

STP Chamberlain presented first focusing on electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and asset management, and provided details concerning the ten year plan update, the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program, a Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant, EV corridors, roadway regulations and road standards, Statewide Asset Data Exchange System (SADES), road safety management system program, and a yet-to-be-published NH municipal EV toolkit which will include adoption projections, grant opportunities for both fleets and infrastructure, financial analyses, ordinances and codes.

SWP Rose began by speaking about a recent research project LRPC conducted with the help of an intern from PSU to collect data from transfer stations in order to provide a cost analysis for each participating site concerning municipal solid waste density, volume of Styrofoam in their containers, and to identify ways to reduce their annual hauling costs. This research, part of a USDA Solid Waste Management grant award, will assist in quantifying solid waste data, characterizing local trends, and projecting cost savings. The Town of Gilford's regional foam recycling program was reviewed, and information was provided concerning the LRPC's

2023 household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event. Lastly, SWP Rose provided information regarding processed glass aggregate (PGA), how it can be used in the municipal setting, and what benefits it provides.

The slides used in this presentation will be posted on the LRPC website at www.lakesrpc.org/aboutmeetings.asp along with the meeting agenda and other attachments for the meeting date.

7. Regional Updates/Announcements

Vice Chair Katz thanked the presenters for their contributions and acknowledged the HHW host sites for 2023.

Executive Director Hayes returned to explain that this is LRPC's final year for the HHW contract previously entered into with Tradebe and we will need to go to bid for a new one. Tradebe did send in an unsolicited bid at an increase of 40%. Even so, this is still lower than most municipalities are paying. We will be submitting a request for proposal in the near future. In the meantime, towns should anticipate an increase in their appropriations for 2024.

8. Commissioner Roundtable

As a result of the hour, Vice Chair Katz suggested that we forego a full roundtable and that anyone with something substantial to report feel free to do so.

D. Anson, Laconia—Commissioner Anson mentions that the City of Laconia is vehemently looking for a Planning Director. Any leads would be most appreciated.

B. Dowey, Bristol—Construction has started on the new Public Safety building, but they have run into a problem in that where the water runs off is only 240' from the river rather than the required 250' so they will need to go through another permitting process. Also, after 7 years of pursuing Verizon, Bristol will now be getting cell service.

C. Ashjian, Moultonborough—Town Officials were unprepared for the huge turnout for Town Meeting concerning, primarily, the proposed community center (The HUB) so unfortunately the meeting had to be postponed.

B. Snelling, Holderness—Their cell tower is still not functioning.

8. Adjournment

Vice Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Commissioner Tuthill and seconded by Vice Chair Katz. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Waldron
Administrative Assistant