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MINUTES
LRPC COMMISSION MEETING
Laconia Public Library, Laconia, NH
November 28, 2016

PRESIDING: Wayne Crowley, Chair
QUORUM: Present

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LRPC STAFF

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| David Kerr (Barnstead) | Carl Carder (Bookkeeper) |
| John Taylor (Danbury) | Jeff Hayes (Executive Director) |
| Ralph Thompson (Effingham) | Laurel Briere (Administrative Assistant) |
| Tony Giunta (Franklin) | PRESENTERS |
| Mitch Manseau (Hebron) | Rebecca Harris (NH Bike/Walk Alliance) |
| Robert Snelling (Holderness) | Tim Blagden (NH Bike/Walk Alliance) |
| Barbara Perry (Moultonborough) | Mark McConkey (Legislator Carroll District 3) |
| Wayne Crowley (Northfield) | OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES |
| Douglas Read (Northfield) | Henry Spencer (Effingham) |
| Karen Ober (Sanbornton) | Ed Butler (Legislator Carroll District 7) |
| | Raymond Howard Jr. (Legislator Belknap District 8) |

1. Welcome and Introductions

Wayne Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

A motion to accept the Minutes of October 24, 2016 was unanimously approved.
M/S/P *Giunta/Perry*

Given time constraints Wayne Crowley gave representatives an opportunity to speak first if they chose. They declined. He then introduced the speakers and noted that, because Representative McConkey had been delayed, Tony Giunta would present first.

2. Tony Giunta, Franklin Former Mayor/LRPC Exec. Board/Senior Client Manager Nobis Engineering

Tony Giunta gave a presentation on SB 38 which would establish a commission to develop a land conservation plan. It is the “child bill” of SB 388 which was regarding monies from NH being spent on buying easements for conservation.

He shared the legislature's thoughts on the top 5 directions the proposed commission should go and reviewed groups involved in the discussions and elaborated on the involvement of realtors (affordable workplace housing and solar power) and Business and Industry (energy is a big deal and they don't want conservation money spent to fund energy).

He stated that the final report from SB 38 should be available by the end of the year.

There was a brief Q&A following the presentation.

Tony Giunta then gave a presentation about energy. This included information about where we currently get our energy, where we could get it in the future, and possible problems associated with it. Points that were covered:

- Energy
 - Why it's important
 - How much do we use?
 - Where does it go?
- Marcellus Shale
 - Gas Nation
- Electricity Sector
 - Now
 - Future

There was a brief Q&A following the presentation.

3. Representative Mark McConkey, Carroll District 3

Representative McConkey spoke about HB 1517. Current regulations state that in order to build a seasonal dock there must be at least 20' between the dock and their neighbors' property, unless their neighbor agrees. This bill would reduce that distance to 10'.

He also spoke about the committee discussing why the dock regulations are currently being overseen by wetlands. Legislation is going to be put forward to put it under Marine Patrol since they already deal with moorings.

There was a brief Q&A following the presentation

4. Rebecca Harris and Tim Blagden, NH Bike/Walk Alliance

Rebecca Harris and Tim Blagden presented on Complete Streets – a program that works to make sure streets and sidewalks are safe and accessible to cars, bikes, pedestrians, and transit riders. They presented on both the incremental approach (i.e. adding bike lanes) and major renovations where entire streets are redone.

They reviewed the benefits of Complete Streets:

- Increased Retail Sales
- Increased Tourism
- Increased Property Values
- Increased Safety
- Attracting more working age residents
- Improved health

They listed organizations in the Complete Streets Coalition. Jeff Hayes added that LRPC is not part of the coalition at this point but it could become part in the future. He suggested possibility of municipalities joining first as a step up to LRPC joining.

They reviewed examples of Complete Streets projects through the state and made suggestions about what each person could do to get involved.

Rebecca mentioned that SB364 established a committee to review Complete Streets and they were issuing a report. She will provide the report to LRPC to forward to attendees later.

There was a brief Q&A period following the presentation.

5. Commissioner Roundtable

Nothing to note.

6. Other Business

Jeff Hayes asked for feedback since this was the first commissioner meeting featuring legislative issues.

The next meeting will be in March or April of 2017, after the snowy months. The location and topic are to be determined.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Briere
Meeting Recorder