

# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES LRPC COMMISSION MEETING Tilton Senior Center September 25, 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)
Chet Caron (Alexandria)	
John Cotton (Andover)	<b>OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES</b>
Davit Toth (Ashland)	Sam Perry (Moultonborough)
Mardean Badger (Ashland)	
David Kerr (Barnstead)	
Mark Hildebrand (Center Harbor)	
Mitch Manseau (Hebron)	
Robert Snelling (Holderness)	
Barbara Perry (Moultonborough)	
Scott Bartlett (Moultonborough)	
Douglas Read (Northfield)	
Rick St. Jean (Ossipee)	
Robert Gillette (Ossipee)	
Karen Ober (Sanbornton)	
Kate Nesbit (Tuftonboro)	
Stephen Wingate (Tuftonboro)	

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Wayne Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

A motion to approve and declare a quorum exists was unanimously approved.

*M/S/P Bartlett/Perry*

A motion to accept the Minutes of May 22, 2017 with the below mentioned corrections was unanimously approved.

*M/S/P Ober/Wingate*

Two corrections were suggested:

1. Halfway down page 2, the word should be “stormwater” not “stone water”
2. At the top of page 3 it should read “...how bad Lake Winnisquam was when he was a kid.”  
Not Winnipesaukee.

## **2. FY18 Budget Approval**

J. Hayes reviewed FY18 budget highlights handout. He noted that the budget has been reviewed and recommended by the Executive Board. He briefly discussed the new HHW vendor with a fixed price contract as opposed to a per volume contract as had previously been the case. Some discussion ensued.

A motion to accept the FY18 Budget as presented was unanimously approved  
*M/S/P Perry/Bartlett*

## **3. FY19 Municipal Dues**

J. Hayes reviewed the Municipal Dues handout. He noted that there was some discussion of redistributing Alton's dues among the rest of the communities, but it was decided not to do that. He also expressed the hope that Alton would return to LRPC for FY19. He explained how the dues for each community were calculated. In the past several years inflation has not been a factor, but there is a 2% increase this year due to inflation.

A motion to accept the FY19 municipal share of dues without the redistribution of Alton's share was approved.  
*M/S/P Ober/Snelling*  
*Abstain Bartlett*

## **4. Bylaw Amendment Ballot Discussion**

J. Hayes discussed the proposed change to the bylaws. He noted that the bylaws state that there must be at least 30 days between the change being introduced and the vote, so no vote could occur until the October meeting. The proposal is to extend the terms for Executive Board members and officers to two years, to take effect with the elections at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The motivation for the change was an increased sense of stability in the organization, instead of the potential for members and officers to change each year.

It was noted that there was an error on the ballot. At the top of the page it listed the location of the October meeting as the Tilton Senior Center, where the current meeting was being held. It should read The Squam Lakes Association Center in Holderness.

A brief discussion followed. J. Hayes confirmed that the vote was for both EB members and Officers, that it was not possible to vote separately for each. He also noted that the ballot could be turned in any time between that meeting and the next, in October.

## **5. Electricity Group Purchasing Aggregation RFP**

J. Hayes discussed the updates to the Electricity Aggregation project, referring to the handouts. He reviewed the original Regional Shared Services Survey, discussing why the decision was made to work on Electricity Aggregation when it was the second choice below a Health Insurance Cooperative. He discussed the updated timeline, that bids were expected from providers within the next two weeks, followed by Intents to Sign to participating communities and SAUs, and the final contracts to be signed on October 25<sup>th</sup>. He requested Commissioners follow up with their communities about the Intents to Sign and think about other potential shared services to attempt in the future. Discussion ensued. Some noteworthy items:

- The contract will be for 12 months
- The towns will get details of approximate savings prior to signing the contract
- Towns will have time to review the contract prior to the 25<sup>th</sup>
- There will be a broker fee, but it will be less than a typical broker fee
- The contracts have to be signed on the same date, but can be faxed or scanned to LRPC.

## 6. Commissioner Roundtable

D. Kerr – Barnstead has had a lot of recent growth. In the past there have been restrictions on how many building permits are issued per year, around 32-33. They've typically only issued 3-5 per year, this year they only have 3-5 left. Dollar General has opened in town. Many residents were opposed, but the parking lot is often full. Some discussion ensued.

S. Bartlett – On Route 25 through Moultonborough, Berry Pond Motel and Country Fair Inn are both gone. There will be a large barn looking structure build in that space which will house retail and Cup and Crumb. Timbers from the Inn will be used in the new structure.

R. Gillette – Ossipee has a new Dollar General, as well. Noted that he went on a 3,000-mile motor home tour through the West and he didn't think he saw a small town that didn't have one. He asked Commissioners about towns updating Master Plans, asking opinions on process. Some discussion ensued.

K. Ober – Sanbornton recently made an agreement for a solar garden. They're working through the planning board. It will be one of the largest in the state, going on a town resident's land which is being leased to the solar company. Some discussion ensued.

## 7. Other Business

The next meeting will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Squam Lakes Association in Holderness. The featured speaker is the River Council discussing Invasive Species.

J. Hayes noted that the November meeting has been pushed to December 4<sup>th</sup> because the fourth Monday in November falls on the Monday after Thanksgiving. It will be a legislative meeting, legislators are being invited to attend. He asked for suggestions for meeting topics and meeting locations. W. Crowley invited people to attend EB meetings, noting that they occur at 9 am on the second Wednesday of each month.

## 8. Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Briere  
Meeting Recorder