

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES
LRPC COMMISSION MEETING
Minot Sleeper Library, Bristol, NH
March 28, 2016

PRESIDING: Warren Hutchins
QUORUM: Present

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 p.m.
COMMUNITIES PRESENT: 18

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Cotton (Andover)
Cheryl Cox (Ashland)
David Kerr(Barnstead)
Steven Favorite (Bristol)
David Hughes (Center Harbor)
Charlotte McIver(Danbury)
John Ayer (Gilford)
Mitch Manseau (Hebron)
Robert Snelling (Holderness)
Dean Anson(Laconia)
Warren Hutchins (Laconia)
Barbara Perry (Moultonborough)
Douglas Reed (Northfield)
Rick St. Jean (Ossipee)
Karen Ober (Sanbornton)
James Hidden (Tamworth)
Steven Wingate (Tuftonboro)
Ralph Thompson (Effingham)
Barbara Lucas (New Hampton)

LRPC STAFF:

Mike Izard
Dan Callister
Jeff Hayes
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:
Jan Collins, Newfound Pathways
Bob Pollock, community planner
Tink Taylor, LRPC Rail Rep.
Mickey McIver, retired transit
Bill Dwyer, Bristol ED committee
Samuel Perry (Moultonborough)

- Welcome and Introductions**
 Chair W. Hutchins called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. and declared a quorum present to do business. Introductions were made by those in attendance.
- Presentation by Mr. Mike Izard, LRPC Principal Planner.**
 Mike used PowerPoint to introduce some of the current work of the TAC committee including the scenic byway corridor management plan as an online resource.
- Mr. Leigh Levine, Federal Highway Administration Presentation.**
 Executive Director Hayes introduced Leigh Levine as a very important partner in helping regional councils better understand federal requirements and opportunities. Mr. Levine provided an overview of the new 5-year federal highway referred to as FAST ACT. FAST Lane, the Freight related portion of the Bill has

funding for major improvements and applications are due April 14, 2016. Leigh said he can provide LRPC with application information if desired.

4. Commissioner Victoria Sheehan, NH Department of Transportation.

Executive Director Hayes introduced the commissioner as a very important partner in managing NH's transportation initiatives under a tight budget, and someone who has long been familiar with the Lakes Region. She provide an overview of NHDOT operations, funding levels and priorities and took questions from the audience.

Q&A

Q: Should draining and ditches be done first then paving? A: NHDOT is trying to do that and has worked with governor and council for rental agreements for local equipment.

Q: How is cost split on maintenance of border bridges? A: It depends on where the state line is with Vermont. It is usually 50/50 with Maine.

Q: What about Earmarks? A: NHDOT is working with communities to determine how to spend earmarks. They can spend earmarked money within 20 miles of the original site. Working with RPC's, we need to let FHWA know how we plan to spend those earmarked dollars by August.

Q: What is the NHDOT Revenue problem? A: Legislature doesn't fund enough infrastructure because of lack of revenues. Cars are getting more fuel efficient and the gas tax revenues are diminishing.

Q: Does NHDOT use experimentation with innovative paving materials. A: NHDOT stays current and tries to learn from its neighboring states.

Q: Why not more Weigh stations? A: NHDOT is having conversations with police and going to be spending more money on enforcement.

5. Roundtable Community Updates

Laconia and Belmont now have an agreement to share some Fire Department Services. (W. Hutchins)

Tuftonboro is working with LRPC to develop an online mapping tool. Recommend this to other communities (S. Wingate)

6. Other Business

Next Meeting is April 25, 2016 at the Tri-County CAP Building in Tamworth focusing on Invasive Species as a threat to our environment and economy.

Motion to approve of minutes from October 26, 2016. *M/S/P Charlotte/ Barbara Lucas*

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was unanimously approved. *M/S/P Bayard/Wingate.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey R. Hayes, Exec. Dir. and meeting recorder

