



## 2. COMMISSIONER ROUNDTABLE

W. Crowley, Northfield — Plans for a 100,000-square foot expansion of Spaulding Youth Center are halted due to a stalemate because they and the town could not come to an agreement over which buildings would qualify as taxable, since 501(c)(3) organizations are tax-exempt but only educational-related buildings would be tax-exempt as well.

D. Kerr, Barnstead — Asked how other towns handle fire cisterns since Barnstead relies on them.

## 3. OTHER BUSINESS

Six meetings per year are required per the bylaws, with meetings scheduled to try to avoid the middle of both winter and summer. The next meeting will be in March according to the draft 2017-2018 Commission and Executive Board schedule/calendar.

J. Hayes reported that the regional purchasing project for electricity was completed; several communities are saving more than they pay in dues. Only about half our members participated, but the combined total savings among those who did is around \$110K. Schools are eligible to participate too. The LRPC is planning to do more regional purchasing based on this success; catch basin cleaning is a potential candidate so will be discussed with the LRPC TAC (Transportation Technical Advisory Committee).

Regarding a question about where the Commission stands concerning the Northern Pass project, Mr. Hayes confirmed that the Commission is not taking a position but will continue to monitor it.

Mr. Hayes also reported on attending an Alton Planning Board meeting regarding the town's decision not to pay dues this year; however, there is still support within the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen for continued membership to the Commission.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 26, 2017

## 4. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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*M/P = moved/passed*