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**LRPC Holds 2018 Annual Meeting**

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) held its Annual Meeting last week on Monday, June 25, at 5:00 PM at Mill Falls at the Lake’s Chase House in Meredith.

Chairman Wayne Crowley welcomed Commissioners and their guests, representatives of federal and state elected officials, municipal officials, and business leaders to the evening’s packed, sold-out venue.

The Chair extended a very special welcome to the Town of Plymouth as the newest member of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. In May 2018, the State granted permission to the request by the Town of Plymouth—located on the border between the two northernmost regional planning commissions—to change regional planning commissions.

After a buffet dinner, the election of officers took place with the current 12-member Executive Board re-elected to their respective positions: Officers Wayne Crowley of Northfield—Chair, John Ayer of Gilford—Vice Chair, Patricia Farley of Tamworth—Secretary, Barbara Perry of Moultonborough, Treasurer; Area Commissioners John Cotton of Andover, David Kerr of Barnstead, Jean Marshall of Freedom, and Robert Snelling of Holderness; and At Large Commissioners Dean Anson, II of Laconia, Steve Favorite of Bristol, Tony Giunta of Franklin, and Stephen Wingate of Tuftonboro. This year marks new term lengths of two years each, as amended and adopted in the Commission’s bylaws last fall.

The evening featured the presentation of awards in three categories, led by Vice Chair John Ayer. The LRPC presented six Community Service Awards to honor eight individuals for a wide array of projects and initiatives, unwavering commitment, and countless hours of volunteer service to their communities, and thereby the greater region as a whole: Kathy Barnard of Wolfeboro, William “Bill” Dowey of Bristol, Gretchen and Barry Draper of New Hampton, Mary Phelps of Chocorua (Tamworth), Nancy Piper of Center Tuftonboro, and Todd Workman and Marty Parichand of Franklin. For more Award winner coverage, please visit the LRPC online at [www.LakesRPC.org](http://www.LakesRPC.org).

The Tamworth Village Association was recognized by the LRPC with its Award of Excellence for their septic system replacement project.

Finally, the LRPC presented Lisa Eggleston of Meredith—as the 29th recipient in 30 years—with The Kim Ayers Award for her stewardship of the water quality and sustainability of Lake Winnisquam and leadership as founding member of the Winnisquam Watershed Network. The Ayers award has been given annually since 1988 in memory of scientist, conservationist, and former LRPC Commissioner B. Kimball Ayers, Jr. of Moultonborough, who faithfully and persistently worked to maintain and improve the environmental quality of the Lakes Region of New Hampshire in the areas of water quality, wetland preservation, and wildlife habitat.

Executive Director Jeff Hayes introduced keynote speaker George Bald, who is current Chair of the Lakeshore Redevelopment Association and former Commissioner of the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, as well as past Executive Director of the Pease Development Authority and a former three-term mayor of Somersworth. Affirming the use of regional planning, his profoundly positive message touched on local and regional challenges such as the relationship between economy and environment, brownfields redevelopment, and long-term commitment to one's community. He concluded his remarks by stressing that relationships are primary while all else secondary—in that each individual in a community acts as a de facto ambassador for his or her community, unwittingly or not, so we owe it to the places we live and work to always put our best forward, despite the unique challenges or handicaps a community may face.

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