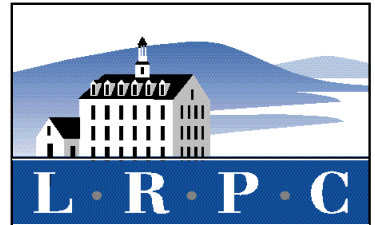


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**MINUTES
LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING**

Flagship Ballroom, Chase House
Inns at Mill Falls, Meredith, NH
June 23, 2008

PRESIDING: Chairman Richard Waitt**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:15**QUORUM:** Yes (by Adoption)**COMMUNITIES PRESENT:** 18**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Margaret LaBerge, Alexandria
Dan McLaughlin, Alexandria
Tom Hoopes, Alton
David Kerr, Barnstead
Phyllis Taylor, Danbury
Anne Cunningham, Freedom
Richard Waitt, Gilford
Stanley Bean, Gilmanton
Martha Twombly, Hebron
Robert Snelling, Holderness
Bruce Whitmore, Holderness
Warren Hutchins, Laconia
William Bayard, Meredith
Herbert Farnam, Moultonborough
Barbara Perry, Moultonborough
George Luciano, New Hampton
Wayne Crowley, Northfield
Douglas Read, Northfield
Bob Butcher, Sandwich
Susan Mitchel, Sandwich
Herb Cooper, Tamworth
Thomas Peters, Tamworth
John Galvin, Tuftonboro
Roger Murray III, Wolfeboro

OTHERS PRESENT: Stacey Ames, Rep. David Babson, Kate Barrett, Alice Bean, Dominic Bergen, Jeanne Bergen, Michelle Bonsteel, Jennifer Boulanger, Rep. Laurie Boyce, Peter Brothers, Glen Brown, Johnathan Brown, Ralph Buchanan, Raymond Burton, Robert Callahan, Carol Cantin, Brenda Carey, Chet Caron, Pam Clark, Shelagh Connelly, Charlotte Cooper, Glenn Coppelman, Suzanne Crowley, Scott Cunningham, Bill Dawson, Paul DeFrari, Roxanne DeFrari, Mark Edelstein, Susan Edelstein, Edward Engler, Janice Elgin, Todd Elgin, Wayne Elliot, Joanne Farnum, Polly Fife, Kevin Fife, Peter Francese, Jerry Gagnon, Lisa Garcia, Carol Gartland, Bob Gillette, Elizabeth Gillette, Roger Godwin, Helen Hanks, Andrew Houle, Mary Hutchins, Sandy Hyslop, F.H. LaBranche, Eliza Leadbeater, Nettie Luciano, Donald MacFarlane, Bette MacFarlane, Richard Maher, Nicole Maher, John Morgenstern, Linda Murray, Amy Ouellette, Sharon Penney, Samuel Perry, Dick Persons, Betty Persons, Michael Phelps, Senator Deb Reynolds, Marty Riehs, Jim Roche, Larry Routhier, Polly Sanfacon, Jean Simpson, Ed Skroback, Carol Snelling, Kim Sperry, Max Stamp, Pamela Szacik, Janet Towse, Doreen Waitt, Warren Walker, Susan Webster, Jane Westfall, Mason Westfall, Betsy Whitmore, Margaret Winton, Rep. Jane Wood, Patrick Wood, Erica Anderson, Michael Izard, Dave Jeffers, Kimon Koulet, Adam Kurowski, Sara McRedmond, Carly Rhodes and other interested parties.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Richard Waitt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 PM, and declared a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Election of LRPC Officers for FY-08

Secretary, Tom Hoopes read the list of commissioners elected to the Executive Board for 2008-2009, as follows:

Officers:

Robert Snelling, Chairman, Holderness
Stanley Bean, Vice-Chairman, Gilmanston
Thomas Hoopes, Secretary, Alton
Barbara Perry, Treasurer, Moultonborough

Area Commissioners:

Daniel McLaughlin, Alexandria (Area 1)
Warren Hutchins, Laconia (Area 4)
Herb Cooper, Tamworth (Area 3)
Phyllis Taylor, Danbury (Area 1)

At-Large-Commissioners:

Margaret Laberge, Alexandria, (Area 1)
George Luciano, New Hampton (Area 2)
Mark McConkey, Ossipee (Area 3)
Robert Ward, Andover (Area 1)

3. Award Presentations

Incoming Chairman, Robert Snelling, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Waitt for his outstanding service as LRPC's chairman. An Award of Excellence was presented to Granite State Media Center owner, Bob Callahan, by Treasurer Barbara Perry. The Media Center was acknowledged for stimulating economic growth and development by establishing a superior media production outlet for Lakes Region businesses and individuals. It was created in response to a request from Hollywood producers searching for a perfect New England spot. Granite Media Center offers one-stop access to amenities and services generally required for the development and production of various forms of media including film, video, sound, print and web. The Ossipee Conservation Commission was recognized for its dedication to the preservation of the scenic window on the Ossipee Mountains. Elizabeth Gillette, the primary force behind the Ossipee Conservation Commission's successful efforts, received the award from Barbara Perry. She noted that they purchased the 26.6 acres known as the "Window on the Ossipees", which is now conservation land belonging to the town of Ossipee. This project has two additional phases: 1) to create a pull-off for traffic to enjoy the view of the Ossipee Mountains and 2) to build and maintain walking trails on the property. Robert Snelling presented an award to Dick Persons of Gilford for his outstanding contribution to the preservation of Ramblin Vewe Farm, an iconic New England farm. The farm will provide scenic enjoyment and cultural benefit for future generations. The long-term preservation effort received considerable support from the town in addition to the commitment of the entire Persons family.

The Kim Ayers Award was presented to Mason Westfall of Bristol for his outstanding dedication to the Lakes Region environment. For decades, he contributed to the overall environmental health of the Lakes Region and the scope of his volunteer activities is felt well beyond local interests. He served on various local, state, and regional boards including, but not limited to, 29 years on the Bristol Conservation Commission, 25 years as the Director of the Slim Baker Fund for Outdoor Living, 20 years as Bristol's representative to the LRPC Board of Directors, 11 years on the NH Association of Conservation Commissions Board of Directors, and he was appointed by Governor Benson as representative from New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions to the Senate Bill 155 Study Commission concerned with managing groundwater withdrawals.

4. Annual Meeting Speaker

Following the award presentations, B. Snelling introduced Peter Francese, a leading demographic expert and advisor, who spoke on land use choices made by New Hampshire communities and their effects on the state's long-term economic and social outlook.

Statistics show that one third of all seasonal housing units in the Lakes Region are seasonal. The projected population shift for Belknap County and New Hampshire shows an imbalance with a large increase of residents over 65 and a decrease of residents ages 30-44. School populations are also decreasing. He noted the lack of workforce housing and the increase in age restricted housing, which he said is discriminatory towards young people and young families, and is encouraging the imbalance that is imminent in the Lakes Region and New Hampshire. He concluded his remarks by referring to his recent book, *Communities and Consequences*, and called for decisive action for inclusionary housing and better educational

support for young people. A question and answer period followed Mr. Francese's presentation.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.