

**LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES**  
**LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

Laconia Country Club – Laconia, NH  
 June 22, 2009

**PRESIDING:** Chairman Robert Snelling**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30**QUORUM:** Yes (by Adoption)**COMMUNITIES PRESENT:** 25**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Margaret LaBerge, Alexandria  
 Dan McLaughlin, Alexandria  
 John Cotton - Andover  
 David Kerr, Barnstead  
 Phyllis Taylor, Danbury  
 Stanley Bean, Gilmanton  
 Robert Snelling, Holderness  
 William Contardo, Laconia  
 Warren Hutchins, Laconia  
 William Bayard, Meredith  
 Herb Vadney, Meredith  
 Barbara Perry, Moultonborough  
 George Luciano, New Hampton  
 Wayne Crowley, Northfield  
 Douglas Read, Northfield  
 Bob Butcher, Sandwich  
 Susan Mitchel, Sandwich  
 Thomas Peters, Tamworth  
 Dan Duffy - Tuftonboro  
 Roger Murray III, Wolfeboro

**OTHERS PRESENT:** *Alexandria:* Kim Bruneau, Chet Caron, Merry Ruggirello, Ed Skroback;  
*Alton:* Stacey Ames, Bill Curtin, Sharon Penney; *Andover:* Victoria Mishcon; *Barnstead:* Clarke Goodrich; *Bath:* Executive Councilor Ray Burton; *Bristol:* Max Stamp, Helga Stamp; *Carroll:* Carroll County Commission Dorothy Solomon; *Concord:* Carol Cantin, Alice Veenstra; *Freedom:* Robert Oram; *Gilford:* Jennifer Boulanger, Jerry Gagnon, Sandy Hyslop, Rep. Alida Millham, Polly Sanfacon; *Gilmanton:* Susan Barr, Alice Bean, Elizabeth Bedard, Steve Bedard, Nancy Stearns; *Holderness:* Janice Elgin, Todd Elgin, Eleanor Spencer, Larry Spencer, Carol Snelling; *Laconia:* John Hodsdon, *Meredith:* Jacquie Colburn, Ken Colburn, *Moultonborough:* Samuel Perry; *New Hampton:* John Conkling, Nancy Conkling, Patricia Schlesinger; *Northfield:* Michelle Bonsteel, Glen Brown, Susan Crowley, Kevin Fife, Polly Fife, Francis LaBranche, Jr., Richard Maher; *Ossipee:* Rep. Mark McConkey; *Plymouth:*

Senator Deborah Reynolds; *Sanbornton*: Wayne Elliott; *Tamworth*: Betty Bowles, David Bowles, Joan Peters; *Tilton*: Normand Boudreau; *Tuftsboro*: Ivy Leavitt-Carlson, Seth Leavitt-Carlson; *Wolfeboro*: Linda Murray; David Owen; *LRPC Staff*: Marie Gelinás, Michael Izard, Dave Jeffers, Kimon Koulet, Sara McRedmond, and other interested parties.

Excused: Herb Cooper, Tamworth; Anne Cunningham, Freedom; Tom Hoopes, Alton; Pat Jones, Ossipee; Dick Waitt, Gilford.

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Chairman Robert Snelling called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM, and declared a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. *M/S/P Hutchins/Perry*

Chairman Snelling conveyed that LRPC conducted a commissioner survey which provides insight into prioritizing our work for the coming year. He said the board is currently reviewing the survey results to formulate a list of priorities. Chairman Snelling noted that, in anticipation of additional transportation funds becoming available, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) went through a prioritization process and recommended two projects. It was announced that the State of New Hampshire will be assessing the intersections of U.S. Route 3 and N.H. Route 11B at Weirs Beach to determine if a round-about is needed.

**2. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes of June 2008**

There being no questions or comments a motion was unanimously passed to approve the June 2008 annual meeting minutes. *M/S/P Perry/Contardo*

**3. Election of LRPC Officers for FY-08**

Vice-Chairman Stan Bean noted the votes were unanimous and read the list of commissioners elected to the Executive Board for 2009-2010, as follows:

**Officers:**

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

**Area Commissioners:**

Daniel McLaughlin, Alexandria (Area 1)  
Herb Farnham, Moultonborough (Area 2)  
Herb Cooper, Tamworth (Area 3)  
Warren Hutchins, Laconia (Area 4)

**At-Large-Commissioners:**

Margaret Laberge, Alexandria, (Area 1)  
Phyllis Taylor, Danbury (Area 1)  
George Luciano, New Hampton (Area 2)  
Richard Waitt, Gilford (Area 4)

#### **4. Award Presentations**

R. Snelling presented an Award of Excellence to Carol Cantin of the Lakes Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Building Employees Subcommittee for inspiring secondary school and business leaders to provide a state-of-the-art training facility for students to acquire relevant skills to secure local employment that will enhance the Lakes Region economy. C. Cantin said major changes were completed at the Huot Technical Center at Laconia High School, through the collaborative efforts of the subcommittee, high school staff, New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc. (NHBB), and Eptam Plastics. The success of this project is two-fold. The first being that students will be better prepared to enter the job market; second, it will allow students to obtain jobs locally rather than leave the Lakes Region.

Vice-Chairman Stan Bean presented an Award of Excellence to Elizabeth Bedard on behalf of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library Association for exemplary use of volunteers and donations leading to the creation of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. The Library will provide Gilmanton with a full-service, year-round library; the town had been the only New Hampshire town without a full-service, year-round library. The construction was completely overseen by volunteers who worked closely with the State Library to ensure this library would comply with all State and Federal regulations. The Association also worked closely with local officials to comply with all building codes. While expending \$550,000, the volunteers created a beautiful library building estimated to be worth over \$1.2 million. In addition, the project preserved a piece of New Hampshire history, created an energy efficient building that houses a beautifully appointed library that would be a credit to any community.

The Kim Ayers Award was presented to Larry T. Spencer of Holderness for his outstanding dedication to the Lakes Region environment. Mr. Spencer is a lifelong resident of Holderness and has dedicated more than 25 years of service to the community. He served as chairman of the Holderness Conservation Commission, leading by example and with total respect for his fellow commission members and the community at-large. Larry Spencer also serves as the co-chairman of the Town's Energy Conservation Committee working in unison with the board of selectmen and staff supervisors to reduce energy consumption in all areas of town government. He has been responsive to the myriad of issues that come before him. Larry succeeded in establishing a town forest, as well as a piece of land bordering the Pemigewasset River off River Street in Holderness. He also monitors several conservation easements, with the assistance of other board members. In addition, he initiated programs in cooperation with The Squam Lakes Association, The Science Center, and the Lakes Region Planning Commission in setting up and participating in workshops. Larry Spencer's calm demeanor and passionate commitment to natural resource conservation have provided Holderness with the backbone to preserve its rural character and the natural resources that are such a critical piece of this rural landscape. Holderness is very fortunate to have this dedicated volunteer advocating for wise management of the very resources that make this community such a treasure.

## 5. Climate Change Presentation

Following the award presentations, B. Snelling introduced Dr. Cameron Wake who gave a thoughtful presentation on the scientific realities of climate change, how it will affect the Northeast in the next century, and how climate control and economic development can work together. He said climate change is an urgent and moral issue with far-reaching consequences. Communities need to find solutions and must start thinking immediately about this on a regional scale. It can only be accomplished in a sustainable way that will encompass biodiversity, food, agriculture, and world cultures. He noted if every home in New Hampshire were converted to sustainable energy, one that will be a costly measure, the state could save around \$1.5 billion per year. A question and answer session immediately followed his presentation.

An audience member asked how climate change will affect New England winters. C. Wake said rising temperatures over the past few decades have caused snow to become wetter or more “slushy” and decreased the average number of snow-covered days across the state.

An attendee asked Dr. Wake what his thoughts are on nuclear energy. C. Wake said three issues need to be solved: where are we going to put the waste, we need to deal with nuclear proliferation, and deal with safety. Nuclear energy is expensive in comparison to other energy sources.

Dan McLaughlin said some people would argue that the warming we are experiencing is the beginning of an ice age. C. Wake said there is deep water circulation in the vertical conveyor belt in the North Atlantic and cold, salty water that slows down over the Antarctica and the Pacific, and as a result the Gulf Stream flows north to replace that water. It lessens the density of the water in the North Atlantic by introducing fresh melted water from Greenland; it will alter the circulation leading to dramatic cooling. He does not foresee an ice age happening.

An audience member asked about increasing CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere commonly follows degassing from the ocean, and that degassing follows an increase in temperature, how do humans affect that relationship? C. Wake said when the planet's temperature increases in the Northern hemisphere, more snow melts, and temperatures increase in a positive feedback loop causing the CO<sub>2</sub> to come out of the ocean into the atmosphere.

An attendee asked where monies will come from to renovate existing homes to make them more fuel efficient. C. Wake said we need to develop a system whereby we invest in energy efficiency. One solution is to have a revolving loan fund with billions of monies where by someone invests in your home to make it much more energy efficient at a cost of \$35,000. Another mechanism is harnessing our resources to solve the problem which requires transformational change by encouraging people to take advantage of energy efficiency loans.

A drawing for the door prize was held with Norman Boudreau being the recipient of a map.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.