



## Lakes Region Planning Commission

Minutes of October 25, 2021

Approved September 26, 2022

6:00 – 8:00 PM

### In-Person Attendance

Moultonborough Public Library

4 Holland Street, Moultonborough NH 03254

### Virtual or Telephone-Only Attendance

Zoom Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89046121665> (audio only)

Zoom Telephone: Dial 1-929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID 890 4612 1665

### Commissioners Present

#### In Person

Mardean Badger, *Ashland*

David Kerr, *Barnstead*

Bill Dowey, *Bristol*

Steve Favorite, *Bristol*

Rep. Mark McConkey (*Carroll-3*), *Freedom*

John Ayer (Chair), *Gilford*

Rob Mora, *Laconia*

Lynn Montana, *Meredith*

Cristina Ashjian, *Moultonborough*

Celeste Burns, *Moultonborough*

David Katz, *New Hampton*

Doug Read, *Northfield*

Patricia Farley, *Tamworth*

Kelly Goodson, *Tamworth*

Wyatt Berrier, *Alternate, Tamworth*

#### Virtual

Mark Hildebrand, *Center Harbor*

Mark Hempton, *Effingham*

Stacy Soucy, *Laconia*

Bonnie Osler, *Sandwich*

David Rabinowitz, *Sandwich*

Jeanie Forrester, *Alternate, Tilton*

Steve Wingate, *Tuftonboro*

### Others Present Included:

#### In Person

Rep. Brodie Deshaies (*Carroll-6*)

Nancy Dowey, *Bristol Sustainability Committee Chair*

William Farnum, *Tamworth Transfer Station Improvement Committee*

Ken Filpula, *Moultonborough Transfer Station Supervisor*

#### Virtual

Heather Herring, *NRRA (guest speaker)*

Michael Nork, *NHDES (guest speaker)*

Rep. Karen Ebel (*Merrimack-5*)

Rep. Suzanne Smith (*Grafton-8*)

Richard Doucette

Gabrielle Watson, *Tamworth Transfer Station Improvement Committee*

### LRPC Staff Present

Jeff Hayes, *Executive Director*

Paige Wilson, *Solid Waste Planner/Assistant Grants Administrator*

Tracey Ciriello, *Meeting Recorder*

## 1. Call to Order

- a. Determination of Quorum
- b. Remote Participation

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the Chair. Because a quorum was not physically present, no action could be taken on any matters but there was consensus to continue meeting due to having guest speakers and for announcements.

## **2. New Business**

- a. Approve Minutes of September 27, 2021
- b. Approve FY23 HHW Appropriations
- c. Proposed Draft Bylaws Amendments (for consideration & comment period)
- d. News and Updates
  - November 29 Meeting Cancelled
  - Updated FY22 Meeting Calendar

New business items were reviewed for announcement purposes only and by default are tabled until the next meeting. J. Hayes described the change in the FY23 HHW appropriations request as the first increase after 3 years of no increases as a result of new data available from the 2020 census. The census occurs every 10 years so previous HHW appropriations have been based on population/housing data from 2010. Some towns lost population and housing stock while others increased. Although the Commission will not be able to vote on the HHW appropriations until March due to lack of a quorum physically present, the Executive Board reviewed them on October 13, 2021 and voted to submit them as presented to the Commission for approval.

J. Hayes explained that the Executive Board's proposed amendments to the bylaws amounted to essentially three small but substantive changes: changing the quorum requirement of 50% to 51% so that a majority of member municipalities is required for a quorum; deleting the text stating that the Chair may declare a quorum when action is essential and upon the unanimous approval of those present; and inserting a new section stating that electronic participation in meetings is permitted pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, III. A consideration and comment period is now open regarding the preliminary proposed changes, after which the Executive Board will submit a report to the Commission summarizing comments received along with recommendations of the Executive Board and the final form as a written ballot. Per the bylaws, adoption of amendments requires the affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Commissioners present and voting.

The November 29, 2021 meeting was cancelled by the Executive Board at its October 13, 2021 meeting due to conflicts with Thanksgiving and holiday travel. An updated FY22 meeting calendar was included in the electronic meeting packet and posted on the Commission Meeting page on the website.

## **3. Topic: Updates on Recycling Markets and NH's Solid Waste Legislation**

J. Hayes gave some background history, noting that LRPC began its Solid Waste Management Program about 5-6 years ago, funded by a grant from USDA Rural Development while LRPC's annual Household Hazardous Waste program, now in its 35th year, began in 1986 and is one of the oldest and is the largest regional collection in the state, with 25 participating communities (the other 5 member communities belong to separate solid waste districts). He introduced Paige Wilson, LRPC's Solid Waste Planner and Assistant Grants Administrator, who gave an introduction/overview of LRPC's Solid Waste Management Program and introduced virtual guest speakers Michael Nork from the NH Department on Environmental Services (NHDES) and Heather Herring from Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA).

Mr. York's presentation focused primarily on updates regarding recent solid waste legislation—recently passed as well as proposed legislation for 2022. He reviewed HB 617 and HB 413 which passed in 2019 and 2021, respectively, regarding a committee to study recycling streams and solid waste management, compost facility rules, and reduction goals. He discussed disposal reduction goals vs. waste management, noting two goals for municipal solid waste and construction & demolition, first to reduce by 25% by 2030 and the second to reduce by 45% by 2050. The state's Solid Waste Management Plan is being updated with a completion goal of November 2022.

Ms. Herring gave a slideshow and talk describing her organization, a municipal-membership based in the northeast for cooperative marketing and purchasing of recyclable commodities—connecting municipalities selling recyclables to companies that purchase them, and gave an update on the most recent/current recycling markets and trends especially in light of the changes with the China market since 2018. With photos and graphics, she illustrated the process and materials, from single stream to source separated; the financial

resources of municipalities vs. cost and strategies such as waste diversion (i.e., recycling); problems with contaminated items and what the effects are on the equipment, cost, and lifecycle of the stream; to transportation and the types of markets themselves—including what items are of current and/or future value. Some of the pros and cons/viability and issues of different market types included glass and crushed glass (processed glass aggregate, or PGA), fibers, and aluminum.

The guest speakers answered questions from Commissioners. State Representatives Brodie Deshaies, Karen Ebel, and Suzanne Smith were invited to comment and/or take questions regarding recent and proposed solid waste legislation and LSRs (legislative service requests).

#### **4. Commissioner Roundtable**

Due to the time (7:59 pm), the Chair confirmed that there would not be a roundtable. Moultonborough Commissioners Cristina Ashjian and Celeste Burns were acknowledged for the town hosting the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2022 and will be tentatively held in Plymouth.

#### **5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracey Ciriello  
Meeting Recorder*

#### **Motions Summary**

Motioned / Seconded / Passed

None (quorum not present).

#### **Post-Meeting Follow-up Materials**

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| 1. Guest presentation: NHDES – LRPC Solid Waste Legislation 10.25.21 | Posted on website after meeting |
| 2. Guest presentation: NRRA – LRPC Recycling Markets 10.25.21        | Posted on website after meeting |