

# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Lakes Region Planning Commission

### Minutes of May 23, 2022 Commission Meeting Approved September 26, 2022

Gilford Public Library  
31 Potter Hill Road  
Gilford, NH

#### PRESENT

Commissioners		Others	
Barnstead:	David Kerr	Laconia HHW Site Coordinator	Tyler Smith
Center Harbor:	Mark Hildebrand		
Laconia:	Rob Mora		
	Stacy Soucy		
Moultonborough:	Cristina Ashjian		
	Celeste Burns	LRPC Staff	
New Hampton:	David Katz	Executive Director:	Jeff Hayes
Northfield:	Wayne Crowley	Regional Planner:	David Jeffers
	Douglas Read	Solid Waste Planner:	Matt Rose
		Admin. Asst./Meeting Recorder:	Linda Waldron

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 PM by David Katz, Vice Chair. It was noted that no quorum has been established for this meeting, therefore no minutes can be approved. Vice Chair Katz asked if there were any non-commissioners present and Tyler Smith rose to state he was there as Site Coordinator of Household Hazardous Waste in Laconia at the invitation of Dave Jeffers to offer insight and comment regarding this topic.

#### 2. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Overview & Impact

Executive Director, Jeff Hayes spoke briefly and introduced Dave Jeffers, Regional Planner, and Matt Rose, Solid Waste Planner. Jeff stated that there are currently 24 of 31 towns participating this year in the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program at 8 collection sites. Jeff turned the floor over to Dave.

Dave started by stating that this is the 35<sup>th</sup> year of HHW collecting in the Lakes Region. Dave had put together a slide presentation which was shown while he went over the information contained in the slides. The slides are attached to these minutes in lieu of reiterating their contents here. To highlight, various types of HHW was identified. The LRPC website contains lists of items which are considered hazardous waste, information about collection days & sites along with a list of items not accepted, a host of educational information, and suggestions

for low toxic alternatives. Dave mentioned that the Lakes Region generates approximately 500,000 pounds of HHW per year, but only around 64,000 – 86,000 pounds is collected. There are other collection sites available for HHW outside of our annual collection events which can be viewed on our website as well. The LRPC is currently attempting to address proper disposing of and/or reducing HHW through these collection events, by performing outreach activities through newspapers, transfer stations, social media, and town postings as well as direct contact with the participants during collection days. Current funding for these efforts is provided by municipal appropriations and competitive grants, as well as donations.

Dave then introduced Matt Rose who spoke about his visit at the HHW production facility in Wolfeboro. Matt explained how, working within a grant, he has purchased a medical sharps informational pamphlet and some sharps clips which hold 1,500 needle points allowing for proper disposal. He plans on undertaking outreach efforts to promote this method of disposal during the HHW collection days as well as visiting various sites to talk to residents and provide them with handouts. He would also like to schedule monthly meetings with site coordinators for each participating town for idea sharing and networking generally.

Tyler Smith was introduced as the site coordinator of HHW in Laconia. Tyler spoke about how the facility and the program works generally and stated that the biggest way to get information out there is through person-to-person contact with the taxpayers and that HHW collection days is perfect for this.

Dave wrapped the presentation up by mentioning that there are plans for additional outreach and education. The contract with our current hauler is at a fixed price and good for only one more year. We will need to solicit bids for a new contract in 2023 for 2024. We are also looking into a pilot SQG (small quantity generator) collection program which will allow for small businesses to dispose of waste where they would register and pay a per item fee thereby reducing pressure on the HHW collection sites.

Matt took the floor again and educated the members about battery disposal and how the various parts of a battery are broken down, separated, and disposed of. He also talked about having meetings with the various transfer stations to coordinate resources and develop a program to be more cohesive and reduce costs.

Vice Chair Katz thanked Dave, Matt and Tyler for their participation.

### **3. Regional Updates**

Jeff stated that registrations for the annual meeting have been slow and speculates this may be due to continued COVID concerns. We may need to reduce our expectations of attendance by half. He also states that attendance at LRPC meetings is also suffering such that we are unable to establish quorums for voting purposes. We plan to investigate livestreaming meetings in the near future.

### **4. Commissioner Roundtable**

Dave Katz/New Hampton

The town is revisiting ADU zoning ordinances.

David Kerr/Barnstead

There was a planning board session last week where Dave advised members of the housing survey and urged members to take part in the survey and pass it along to others. There was also a presentation by the Superintendent and the School Board relative to capital work on the elementary school.

Celeste Burns/Moultonborough

CDAC reinvigoration. There was a town meeting, nothing new.

Cristina Ashjian/Moultonborough

Planning is underway for a barn tour on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Town Planner has forwarded the housing survey to the planning board, the zoning board, the conservation commission, and the heritage commission.

Wayne Crowley/Northfield

A workforce housing application has been submitted which requires a special exception due to the UPS warehouse distribution center location across the street. The ZBA denied the application and the developer has appealed.

Rob Mora/Laconia

The City is amending zoning standards to allow denser development in an effort to increase housing. There are multiple projects in Laconia which are ongoing.

Mark Hildebrand/Center Harbor

Ongoing matters regarding the 60 unit dense housing project on the town line. The last meeting of the zoning board in Moultonborough determined that the planning board did not follow the rules regarding density matters and allowed development, and is sending it back to the planning board. There are also well and septic issues. Abutters are worried about potential ground water problems.

## **5. Adjournment**

The Vice Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.