

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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HHW Coordinator's Meeting

October 1, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Humiston Building 103 Main Street Meredith, NH

6:00 Introductions

See Sign in sheet

6:05 2025 Collection Review

- Impressions by site- feedback (Sites:
 - Franklin, - All good. Ordinary. Real happy that there are multiple options. Vendor perfect
 - Wolfeboro, - Went well some, want more options. Couple of people through line multiple times.
 - Gilford, - Went good and smooth despite construction. They appreciate multiple options. Numbers low. Vendor fine, a little slow, then moved along. Lots of calls, missed event.
 - Meredith, - Numbers low. Several people came after event. Very glad to have brochure with additional collection dates. Slow traffic, so Tradebe started packing up early.
 - Alton, - Traffic flow good, could have handled more. Definitely want more. Getting used to new date and format. Good vendor.
 - Moultonborough, - Tradebe was there first. Volunteers did great. Town staff collected oil & gas. 11:30 started getting quiet. Multiple new people. Helps having event on same day. Cleaned up well. Tradebe took local oil.

Discussion of how to handle surveys & information during a rush. Just give survey to them to turn in at end of line. Helps to have knowledgeable person as floater to talk with folks who have questions.

- Bristol, - Good turnout. Driveway was packed three across and 4-5 deep with line nearly out to NH 104. New day, time, site. Would be best with at least 8 staff & volunteers (more than expected showed up to work). Two were LRPC and there was no opportunity for a floater. Site worked well. Need a bit more space for pull off to sort or escape lane. Several cars brought in loose mercury. Appreciative of weekday collection.
- Laconia, - Lighter year. More (newer) people. Improving on the traffic merge (4 lanes down to 1). Tradebe staff top notch. Good communication. Some confusion on timing

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(saw 2-6 PM at weekday sites). Outreach – Good to be getting new different perspectives from assistant. One weird 55-gal. drum but it was handled. Point person at front of line got compliments– big happy gentle guy. One motorcycle. Six Belmont people. One with just fluorescent tubes.

- Tuftonboro – Rainy day. 2 lanes. Pouring rain. Half mile line at the outset (thankfully driveway can accommodate it). Lots of stuff (over 10 gallons and much latex paint) and they took it first hour but then tightened up after that (a bit confusing as to why). A gallon of muriatic acid. People were showing up on Sunday with HHW. Local signage is key. Scanning bar code on the banner is an issue for some, marker on white duct tape faded. Suggested equipment sharing, especially with a couple of electronic signs (make available to communities that are hosting each month). People were so appreciative.

It was noted that a couple of Effingham and Ossipee residents were admitted which led to a discussion about whether & how to serve households from non-participating communities. Some ideas discussed:

- Charge a fee per household
- Set up a separate collection
- Is this fair to communities that do pay full amount?
 - Vendor- Tradebe
 - Customers- participants, comments
 - Site, traffic, unusual materials
- Timetable- June, July, August, September – **Keep it.**

6:40

6:30 Wrap up of 2025 Collection

- Lessons learned
 - Signage, advertising, staffing, setup – **Fine tuning, esp. w/out Wolfeboro. How to incorporate vapes and e-cigs which are now considered hazardous waste. Is Tradebe interested in doing a milk route. No answers yet, but no solution. Call2Recycle Sand pail for busted Li Ion batteries.**
- Final HHW report will be included in the LRPC Annual Report

6:45 2025 Collection results & survey

- Number of households that attended
- Survey results **Local signage, word of mouth. Website steady. Social media increasing. Newspaper dropping. 76% are interested in weekday. Should we consider shifting some of our collection dates?**

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PowerPoint – *Lakes Region HHW – Past, Present, Future*

7:00 Looking Ahead- HHW 2026

- HHW Appropriations & Commitment Letters
 - Appropriation increase for next year – **about 8%**
 - **5% contracted**
 - **Share the set-up fee for ninth site**
 - **Increase the Host Site Stipends from \$500 to \$550**
 - **Adjustment for Alton correcting for misquote in spring 2025.**
 - Letter of commitment- pending Town Meeting approval, out with notice in October, return by December 31, copy to coordinators.
- Sites & Dates for next year-
 - Site Agreements
 - Date options **Keep most the same. Consider a swap of Bristol and Tuftonboro Aug. 27 for Tuft. Sept. 24 – Bristol**
- Additional Items
 - Discussion of different ways of structuring dates for bid in 2026-7
 - Reduced funding – Due to USDA grant denial this year, there will be significantly less extra LRPC support. No new banners, shirts, site visits.
 - Will keep website up to date and flyers available