

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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LRPC Executive Board Meeting

Minutes of June 8, 2022

Approved September 14, 2022

PRESENT John Ayer (Chair), Bill Bolton, Pat Farley (Secretary), Steve Favorite, Tony Giunta, David Katz (Vice Chair), David Kerr (Treasurer), Bob Snelling, Steve Wingate

ABSENT Dean Anson, II, Mardean Badger, Jean Marshall

STAFF Jeff Hayes (Executive Director), Linda Waldron (Administrative Assistant)

PUBLIC None

LOCATION LRPC Office, 1st Floor Conference Room, Meredith

1. Call to Order

Chair Ayers called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and noted that a quorum was present.

2. Minutes

Vice Chair Katz made a motion to accept all three sets of minutes needing approval in one vote. Steve Favorite seconded this motion. There were 8 approvals and 1 abstention. Minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Finance Report

Executive Director Hayes presented the finance report indicating that we have a surplus. He mentioned that the overhead rate needs to be reviewed and stated we did have some unexpected costs this past year by way of a new server and phone system.

4. Committee Report

Treasurer Kerr highlighted the events of the TAC meeting of June 1st which was held at the Meredith Library, and he applauded their exemplary meeting room. Minutes were not yet available for review. He noted there was no quorum to conduct official business. Representative McConkey, Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee (TC), was in attendance and expressed concern with Route 153 being used as a bypass alternative to Route 16 in the Conway area. McConkey said that the NHDOT is being directed to look at this project to gather data and devise a solution. The Route 11 study project is ongoing with a goal towards realignment of various sections/intersections. There was also a 10-year plan update.

5. Old Business

Annual Meeting Update

Executive Director Hayes stated that registrations are much lower than the anticipated 200 – 250. We are probably looking for an attendance of 125 at best. This is likely due to COVID concerns. ED Hayes also reviewed the new Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) award whereby we will be recognizing 8 of our communities who have hosted the collection day events for many years. We will also be presenting a special award to Regional Planner David Jeffers for his many years of coordinating this event.

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Vice Chair Kerr reviewed the changes to the Proposed Slate of Executive Board Members and Ballot. After discussion, Pat Farley moved to accept the proposed ballot as drafted and Treasurer Kerr seconded same. The motion was unanimously approved. Ballots may be completed and left at the conclusion of this meeting, mailed to LRPC, or brought to the annual meeting.

EB Alternates – Bylaws

ED Hayes began by stating that quorum issues need to be addressed in the bylaws (proposed changes attached to agenda). The LRPC initially started out as a non-profit organization, but is now considered a political subdivision (a governmental body). Electronic meetings are an option, but this doesn't solve the quorum issues as non-physically present members cannot be counted for voting purposes. When counting for a quorum, only one commissioner (or alternate) per municipality can be counted and only those municipalities who have commissioners will be counted in the total. For example, we have 30 municipality members. Of those, 7 currently do not have appointed commissioners. This brings the voting municipality members to 23. To achieve a quorum, we would need 51% of those municipalities or 12 commissioners in attendance. EB alternates are also appointed positions and their acceptance of that position should be conditioned upon their agreement to regularly attend EB meetings. ED Hayes will prepare draft language for submission at the next EB meeting in these regards. It was also mentioned that the bylaws provide for Associate Commissioner memberships for those who have an interest in regional planning without the need for dues and without voting privileges.

6. New Business

Pat Farley mentioned that retiring executive board members might be recognized at the annual meeting. There was discussion on this as well as a suggestion that we might take a moment to recognize all executive board members who have served in the past 10 years (exclusive of current board members) at the annual meeting. Pat made a motion that this be implemented, and Steve Favorite seconded. 8 commissioners were in favor and 1 abstained. Motion granted.

7. Roundtable

D. Katz, New Hampton—The historic 1798 Town House is undergoing a condition assessment to identify needed repairs. They will be seeking to obtain grant money to assist with the cost. This building is the longest, continually used meeting house in the state.

P. Farley, Tamworth—At the last planning board meeting the master plan was discussed. They are planning to tackle it one chapter at a time.

B. Bolton, Plymouth—Bill received an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)/GOFERR (Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery) funds announcement this morning from Representative Joyce Weston. He mentioned that Joyce is stepping down from her position and that Bill will be running for her state representative position. He also received the Road Surface Management Report (RSMR) report from LRPC. The Main Street infrastructure project has been placed on hold until next spring.

T. Giunta, Franklin—Tony states that the City of Franklin is excited to be hosting our annual meeting and that the owners of Mojalaki Country Club have been extremely cooperative with organization efforts. There was a press release about the renovations to the Stephens Mill buildings and that \$30 million has been secured for upgrade. There will

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be about 150 new housing units and about 50 business units when completed. Also, the deal on the new Cumby's building has closed.

S. Wingate, Tuftonboro—the Lakes Management Advisory Committee will be conducting a Winni tour to assess any potential lake management issues.

R. Snelling, Holderness—Concerns about wake boats on Squam. A piece of White Oak Pond property was purchased by a family who experienced a tragic loss which has been converted into a park to honor those lost. There was a hotel on the property as well which has been converted to summer housing for AmeriCorp members. This facility is free to anyone in the watershed area.

D. Kerr, Barnstead—At last Thursdays meeting, they received a conceptual proposal from an online gun and sporting goods dealer. The previously mentioned application for a subdivision has still not been approved due to continued engineering issues and constant changes. St. A's housing survey is done relative to affordable housing.

S. Favorite, Bristol—Steve says they are still trying to build a unity building for the Fire Dept. and the Police Dept., but are facing funding issues. The Town Administrator will be leaving to accept a new position in Lebanon. They are looking for a replacement. In the interim, the State will offer a temporary fill in. They are also having wake issues. The State has offered to provide a boat for training purposes regarding proper operation on the water and prevention of boat hazards. They have finished the photocell buildout.

J. Ayer, Gilford—The new Michaels' store should be open by the end of July. The Starbucks store is progressing slowly due to water table issues. There is a subdivision application pending for land near the Alton town line which currently has multiple apple trees and blueberry bushes on it. The applicant intends to implement them into the planning design. There would be several high end units starting at around \$1.2 million. The new building inspector is still going strong. He is very knowledgeable about the codes and multiple other matters, so he has been a great asset to the Town.

8. **Adjournment**

Chair Ayers declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Waldron
Administrations Assistant