

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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LRPC Commissioner Meeting

Location: Bessie Rowell Community Center | Franklin

Minutes of April 27, 2026

Approved June 22, 2026

Commissioners Present		Commissioners Absent	
Alexandria:	George Tuthill	Ashland:	John Thomas
Andover:	Jessica Rand	Belmont:	Brian Jackes
Ashland:	Linda Barnes	Center Harbor:	Mark Hildebrand (E)
	Tim Peters	Danbury:	John Taylor
Barnstead:	David Kerr	Freedom:	Mark McConkey
Belmont:	Rod Cameron	Gilmanton:	Parker Hoffacker
Bristol:	Buz Kenney	Laconia:	Tyler Carmichael (E)
Franklin:	Chip Ach		Richard MacNeill
Gilford:	John Ayer	Meredith:	Stephanie Maltais (E)
Hebron:	Ivan Quinchia	Moultonborough:	Norman Larson
Holderness:	Brian O'Connell (E)	New Hampton:	David Katz (E)
Meredith:	Daniel Whitney	Ossipee:	Phil Villari (E)
Moultonborough:	Cristina Ashjian	Sanbornton:	Ralph Carter (E)
New Hampton:	Andy Anderson	Sandwich:	Maureen Westrick (E)
Northfield:	Beth Keck	Tilton:	Eric Adams
Plymouth:	William Bolton		Jane Alden (E)
	John Christ		Nathan Langione
	Neil McIver	Tuftonboro:	Tony Mirando (E)
Tamworth:	Richard Doucette	Wolfeboro:	Roger Murray, III
	Lianne Prentice		

Public: David Chunn (Franklin Planner).

LRPC Staff: Executive Director Shanna B. Saunders, Executive Administrative Assistant Linda Waldron, Transportation Planner Glenn Trefethen.

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum

Chair Ayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed everyone. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was provided by George Tuthill and seconded by Andy Anderson. A voice vote was taken, and all present were in favor. **Motion passed.**

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

a. Annual Meeting Update.

- *Award Nominations:* Executive Director Saunders announced that nominations are still open for the annual meeting awards in three categories. Eligibility criteria and nomination forms are available on our website. Anyone who knows of a deserving candidate is invited to complete and submit a nomination form.
- *Executive Board Nominations:* There are currently two vacant seats on the Executive Board – one At-Large and one Alternate. Commissioners who would like to be considered for either of these can add their name to the ballot using the nomination form (see Linda) or by contacting the Executive Director or an Executive Board member.
- *Sponsorships:* LRPC is looking for additional sponsors for our annual meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to businesses in their municipalities that have already received sponsorship letters to help generate support. Please contact Linda for a list of those in your town. Commissioners may also separately approach any establishment they believe may be interested in providing support.

5. Presentation: Brownfields Reuse Planning

Presenter: LRPC Transportation Planner and Brownfields Program Manager, Glenn Trefethen.

LRPC currently holds an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant for \$475,000, awarded in 2023, with funding available through September 30, 2027. Eligible activities include Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments, hazardous building materials surveys, site reuse planning activities, and cleanup planning. Glenn reviewed key requirements to qualify for this funding, highlighting that all brownfield work must involve direct municipal involvement and cannot be conducted solely with private developers. He also provided detailed case studies from Tamworth, Bristol, and Franklin demonstrating community engagement strategies. Additional services available are market studies, infrastructure evaluations, and market viability evaluations. For more information, please review the presentation slides available on LRPC's website at [Commissioner and Executive Board Meetings](#) or contact Glenn.

6. General Updates/Announcements/Reminders

Executive Director Saunders noted that the Regional Master Plan update is well underway. All surveys are currently open; however, the Transportation Survey will close at noon on April 28th. Those who have not yet participated were encouraged to complete the surveys and to promote them within their communities. After the survey periods conclude, draft chapters will be developed and presented for commissioner review in the fall. Funding for this project is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2026.

Commissioners were reminded to complete and submit the Exit Survey after the meeting.

7. Commissioner Roundtable

The following Commissioners provided updates on activities in their communities: John Ayer (Gilford), Rod Cameron (Belmont), Linda Barnes (Ashland), Andy Anderson (New Hampton), John Christ (Plymouth), Buz Kenney (Bristol), Chip Ach (Franklin), Brian O'Connell (Holderness), Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Neil McIver (Plymouth), Jessica Rand (Andover), David Kerr (Barnstead), Dan Whitney (Meredith), Richard Doucette

(Tamworth), Lianne Prentice (Tamworth), Cristina Ashjian (Moultonborough), Ivan Quinchia (Hebron).
Guest: David Chunn (Franklin Planner).

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ayer at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Waldron
Executive Administrative Assistant