

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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LRPC Commissioner Meeting

Location: Gilford Public Library

Minutes of May 18, 2026

Approved June 22, 2026

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

LRPC Staff: Executive Administrative Assistant Linda Waldron, Environmental Planner Matthew Rose.

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum

Vice Chair Katz called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, noting the absences of Executive Director Saunders and Chair Ayer resulting from other meeting conflicts. Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting proceeded informally with updates and a presentation.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of draft minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting was tabled until the June Commissioner meeting.

3. Old Business

- Annual Meeting Update. Awards Committee member Cristina Ashjian reported that the Committee met recently to review submitted nominations. Award details will not be announced until the annual

meeting, but members of the following communities were confirmed as award recipients: Bristol, Franklin, New Hampton, Tamworth, Tilton, and Tuftonboro. Executive Administrative Assistant Waldron reported that only 4 sponsors have been confirmed for a total of \$1,750 raised to date. Vice Chair Katz urged commissioners to reach out to local businesses in their communities to encourage sponsorship.

4. New Business

None

5. Presentation: Low Impact Development (LID)

Presenter: LRPC Environmental Planner, Matthew Rose.

Matt noted that Executive Director Saunders had written and secured a \$25,000 grant from the NH Charitable Foundation to audit municipal ordinances and develop model LID language for Lake Winnepesaukee watershed communities. He went on to outline the distinction between the two primary sewer systems communities manage – stormwater systems and wastewater systems – and provided a definition of low impact development. Matt highlighted the key benefits of LID design and explained the project scope and funding which will support work in five communities: Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, and Wolfeboro. As mentioned, these communities were selected because they border Lake Winnepesaukee, already include some existing LID-related language in their ordinances, had established working relationships with LRPC, and employ municipal planners whose input can inform the project. Funding will allow for time to review each community's zoning ordinances, site plan regulations, and subdivision regulations for existing LID-related language, assess strengths and gaps, and develop a model ordinance template. For more information, please review the presentation slides available on LRPC's website at [Commissioner and Executive Board Meetings](#) or contact Matt directly.

6. General Updates/Announcements/Reminders

- a. Reminder: LRPC staff have been running a series of surveys related to the Regional Master Plan. Most surveys are now closed with approximately 100 or more responses. The last active one is the Economic and Natural Resource Survey which is open until the end of May 2026. Commissioners were urged to complete the survey and promote it in their communities.
- b. Announcement: With the recent changes to the Executive Board, there is a need to fill the following positions: the Area 4 seat, as well as an At-Large seat and an alternate seat (both open to any area). The commitment is six meetings a year, each approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes, held on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM in the Meredith office. The Executive Board as a governance and advisory group, not an action or operations board. Commissioners interested in serving were encouraged to contact Vice Chair Katz or Chair Ayer, or to write in a candidate on the upcoming ballot.
- c. Update: Vice Chair Katz provided an overview of the current budget, projecting slight deficit attributed primarily to cash flow timing. LRPC operates on a pattern of spending followed by reimbursement, and June typically brings in more reimbursements than expenses which may offset the deficit. The FY26/27 budget was described as "fragile" due to factors such as municipal dues, state funding, federal grants for solid waste management and brownfields, federal transportation funds, and fund balances. The Vice Chair emphasized that contracted services with municipalities are increasingly important to LRPC's financial stability and he urged all commissioners to educate their planning boards, select boards, and ZBAs about LRPC's value and available services.

7. Commissioner Roundtable

The following Commissioners provided updates on activities in their communities: Linda Barnes (Ashland), Jane Alden (Tilton), John Christ (Plymouth), Beth Keck (Northfield), Eric Adams (Tilton), Brian O'Connell (Holderness), Chip Ach (Franklin), Phil Villari (Ossipee), Dan Whitney (Meredith), Andy Anderson (New

Hampton), Richard MacNeill (Laconia), Norman Larson (Moultonborough), Cristina Ashjian (Moultonborough), and Lianne Prentice (Tamworth).

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Katz at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Waldron
Executive Administrative Assistant