

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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TAC Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 3, 2015 Weirs Community Center, 25 Lucerne Avenue, Laconia, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheldon Morgan (Chair), Gilford
Lloyd Wood, Tuftonboro
David Kerr, Barnstead
John Gotjen, Tamworth
Dave Toth, Ashland
John Edgar, Meredith

Steve Favorite, Bristol
Tink Taylor, Holderness
Bruce Woodruff, Moultonborough
Robert Pollock, New Hampton
Brian Bordeau, Sanbornton

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Izard, LRPC Principal Planner
Daniel Callister, LRPC Regional Planner
Mark Howard, Tuftonboro
Scott McPhie, City of Laconia
Rebecca Harris, Transport NH

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:07. Motion to approve Minutes of April 1 was passed.
M/S/Passed Taylor/Favorite, abstaining: Toth, Kerr

No public comment

Regional Updates:

NHDOT Streetlight Discontinuance Program

To reduce expenses, NHDOT has proposed to shut off certain street lights. Safety and AASHTO guidelines were considered in selecting targeted lights. Affected Lakes Region communities will receive a notice to attend a public meeting. J. Edgar suggested that since each street light represents a unique circumstance, really what is needed is an independent engineering report to determine which lights to turn off. There may also be a benefit to turning off lights from a dark sky perspective. Roger Appleton is the contact at NHDOT with further questions.

Route 16 Safety Study and HSIP Road Safety Audit Applications

LRPC has teamed up with the North Country Council to explore NH Route 16 safety issues from Ossipee to Conway. Five intersections have been identified, two in Conway and three in Ossipee- Road Safety Audits (RSA) were submitted for each, but have not been approved. The state Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) Committee is reviewing their RSA selection process. Discussed is an application period once each year and a tiered system to determine what level of audit facilitation (consultant, NHDOT or other for safety reviews). A final determination has not been made - the Ossipee applications may need to be resubmitted under a new system.

Regional Transportation Cost Sharing

An example was shared of regional cost sharing currently in place in Maine, where the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) utilizes cost sharing strategies that more than cover

the planning commission dues of member communities. LRPC is looking into possibilities such as having requests for proposals (RFP) represent the state bid. Concern was expressed about how cost sharing is done with something like paving where the circumstances are pretty unique, and potential issues with logistics and determining priorities among the various communities. Some cost sharing is already taking place locally, for example if it weren't for the state bid on salt some lakes region communities couldn't afford the salt they use for winter road maintenance. LRPC is interested in knowing if there is more of a role they could be playing to help communities with group purchasing.

Presentation: Transport New Hampshire

Rebecca Harris presented on Transport NH, which is shepherding the Statewide Transportation Initiative for the promotion of transportation as it supports economy, health, and environment. The Transportation Action Plan 2015 was developed at a network meeting held March 26, 2015 representing various sectors and all of NH's regions. Transport NH is hoping to have an integrated policy agenda by the end of November 2015.

Other Business

There will be no TAC meeting July or August. The next TAC meeting is to be held the second Wednesday in September (9-9-15) due to Labor Day, location TBD.

Motion to adjourn at 3:35 to White Oaks Road Project Site M/S/Passed Kerr/Wood

Reconvened at White Oaks Road Site from 3:50 to 4:18 for site presentation and explanations by Scott McPhie.

Laconia Stormwater Project at White Oaks Road

Scott McPhie, Conservation Technician for City of Laconia explained how stormwater from White Oaks road historically flowed into a drain and then into Paugus Bay, which is a city water supply. The goal of the project was to allow stormwater pretreatment by in a bio-retention basin. The basin is compost lined to filter contaminants detained water as it infiltrates. The compost medium needs to be removed periodically and refreshed with new material. The system appears to have been working well since it was installed two years ago, however post treatment water testes are needed. Follow-up questions for Luke Powell, Assistant City Engineer were project and maintenance costs and the projected useful life of the system.