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MINUTES
LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING

Church Landing – Meredith, NH
 June 24, 2013

PRESIDING: Chair Stanley Bean, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes (by Adoption)

COMMUNITIES PRESENT: 17

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Towse, Alexandria
 John Cotton, Andover
 Steve Favorite, Bristol
 Maureen Criasia, Center Harbor
 Charlotte McIver, Danbury
 Scott Dunn, Gilford
 Stanley Bean, Jr., Gilmanton
 Robert Snelling, Holderness
 Warren Hutchins, Laconia
 William Bayard, Meredith

Herbert Vadney, Meredith
 Herbert Farnham, Moultonborough
 Barbara Perry, Moultonborough
 George Luciano, New Hampton
 Douglas Read, Northfield
 Patricia Jones, Ossipee
 Carmine Cioffi, Sandwich
 Patricia Farley, Tamworth
 Roger Murray, III, Wolfeboro

LRPC STAFF:

Daniel Callister, Gerald Coogan, Marie Gelinias, Michael Izard, David Jeffers, Kimon Koulet, Dari Sasson, Barbara Sullivan, Michelle Therrien

OTHERS PRESENT: Speaker: NHDES Commissioner Thomas Burack; **Alexandria:** Chet Caron, Maggie LaBerge, Bob Piehler, Merry Ruggirello, Ed Skroback; **Alton:** Representative Jane Cormier; **Ashland:** Philip Preston; **Barnstead:** Andrew Houle; **Bath:** Executive Councilor Ray Burton; **Belmont:** Peter Harris, Ken Knowlton; **Bristol:** Jodie Favorite, Lori Lerner, Daniel Paradis, Max & Helga Stamp; **Campton:** Fred & Louise Gunter; **Center Harbor:** Robert Chute, David Hughes, Harry & Kathy Viens, Bernard Volz; **Concord:** Glenn Coppelman, Dean Eastman; **Danbury:** Mickey McIver; **Franklin:** Rick Silverberg; **Freedom:** Robert Smart; **Gilford:** John Ayer, Rick DeMark, Lisa DiMartino, Deborah Dunn, Jerry Gagnon, Carole & Wayne Hall, Douglas Hill, Sandy Hyslop, Karin Landry, Everett McLaughlin, Polly Sanfacon, Richard Vallancourt; **Gilmanton:** Alice Bean; **Holderness:** E.B. James, Lisetta Silvestri, Carol Snelling, Malcolm Taylor; **Laconia:** Mary Ellen Boudman, Donald Flanders, Mary Hutchins, Scott Kalicki,

Carol Pierce, Kerry Sullivan; **Meredith:** Peter Brothers, Ann Butler, John Edgar, John Edie, Senator Jeanie Forrester, Richard Gerken, Lynn Montana, David Roberts, Patricia Tarpey; **Moultonborough:** Christina Ashjian, Joanne Farnham, Polly Jeffers, Scott Kimmond, Sam Perry, Paul & Linda Punturieri, Russell Wakefield, Bruce Woodruff; **New Hampton:** John & Nancy Conkling, Melody Norris, Patricia Schlesinger;

Ossipee: Jean Simpson; **Plymouth:**, Coleen Hannon, John Morrissey, Mark Scarano, Scott Stephens; **Sanbornton:** Donald Bormes Don Foudriat, Robert Ward; **Sandwich:** Frances Strayer; **Tamworth:** Ned Beecher, Dominic & Jeanne Bergen, Christopher Conrod, Barbara Drake, David Farley, John Gotjen, John & Catherine Mersfelder, Tom & Joan Peters, Judith Reardon, John Roberts, Kate Thompson, Jennifer Wiley; **Wolfeboro:** Katherine Barnard, Linda Murray, David Owen, Stacie Jo Pope, Sarah Silk; **Wonalancet:** Michele Miller, Jack Waldron; **Others:** Erin Apostolos, Paul Johnson, Steve Kahl, Peter Karagianis, Peter Karagianis, Jr., Rosemary Kiernan, Alexander Koulet, Laura Koulet, Esther Peters, Alexandra Remick, Jennifer Tuthill, James Walker.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Following the Annual Meeting dinner, Chairman Stanley Bean, Jr. called the meeting to order at approximately 7 p.m. He introduced elected state officials Executive Councilor Ray Burton, Senator Jeanie Forrester, and Representatives Lisa DiMartino, Donald Flanders and Herb Vadney. He also recognized LRPC Executive Board members and LRPC staff members in attendance. A motion from the Commissioners present to declare a quorum for the purpose of conducting business was unanimously approved. *M/S/P Cioffi/Luciano.*

2. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2012

There being no questions or comments, a motion to approve the June 25, 2012 Annual Meeting minutes as written was unanimously approved. *M/S/P Perry/Farley.*

3. Election of LRPC Officers for FY 14

LRPC Secretary P. Farley announced the results of an election by secret ballot for FY 14 Executive Board officers and Area and At Large Commissioners.

Officers:

Stanley Bean, Jr., Chairman - Gilmanton
Warren Hutchins, Vice Chairman – Laconia
Patricia Farley, Secretary - Tamworth
Barbara Perry, Treasurer - Moultonborough

Area Commissioners:

John Cotton - Andover (Area 1)
Herb Farnham - Moultonborough (Area 2)
Robert Snelling – Holderness (Area 2)
Jean Marshall - Freedom (Area 3)

At-Large Commissioners:

Wayne Crowley – Northfield (Area 1)
Steve Favorite – Bristol (Area 1)
George Luciano - New Hampton (Area 2)
Dean Anson – Laconia (Area 4)

Chair Bean announced that after serving as Executive Director of LRPC for almost 30 of the 45 years LRPC has been in existence, Kimon Koulet has announced he will retire at the end of the calendar year. The Chair expressed his pleasure in working with K. Koulet, and noted that it will be a considerable task to find an individual to fill the position. The audience offered a round of applause for K. Koulet's service to the organization.

4. Award Presentations

Chair Bean announced an Award of Appreciation to the Clean Waters Association founding members Esther Peters, Peter Karagianis, Don Foudriat and Jim Walker. The Association has been instrumental in the environmental health of the Lakes Region through its efforts to clean and protect local waters over the past few decades. Each member of the Association was presented with a plaque in honor of their service.

John Mersfelder announced the presentation of the Kim Ayers Award to his friend and colleague Christopher Conrod of Tamworth. The Award is presented by LRPC in memory of B. Kimball Ayers, Jr., of Moultonborough who faithfully and persistently worked to maintain and improve the environmental quality of the Lakes Region. S. Bean spoke of Conrod's numerous volunteer efforts and major contributions to the environmental quality of the Lakes Region including his involvement in planning and land conservation in Tamworth for almost 25 years, his knowledge of the ecology and geography of the Town and Region, keen intellect, research and technical skills, commitment to protect natural resources, and capacity to articulate arguments on behalf of conservation initiatives. Conrod is noted for his work establishing monitoring procedures for conservation land, updating Tamworth's information on the Granite Database, and co-authoring the town's revised wetlands ordinance. The Award was presented by Kim Ayers Award Committee members Bob Snelling and Barbara Perry. Upon accepting the Award, Conrod expressed his respect and admiration for the many people who have led the conservation charge in Tamworth over the years.

5. NHDES Commissioner Tom Burack

S. Bean introduced keynote speaker Tom Burack, Commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Services. Burack's presentation focused on the major environmental challenges facing the state. He said that one of the biggest issues facing the state is climate change, and shared statistics from studies that have shown that the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has steadily grown in the past 60 years, with a corresponding increase in temperatures, increased severity in storms and erratic precipitation. Other issues facing the state are increased development that is associated with an increase in impervious surfaces that contribute to heavier storm water runoff, and increased driving distances by those living in the state contributing to the amount of carbon in the atmosphere. He said that the challenges have to be worked out collaboratively among state and municipal organizations, businesses, and citizens. Efforts must include reducing the use of fossil fuels, protecting the state's natural resources, and keeping the forestland intact. Options for doing so may include increasing the availability of public transportation, promoting more compact developments, and facilitating energy responsibility. He provided an update on the status of area lakes, talked about collection procedures for personal care products and pharmaceuticals, and presented a new feature that has been developed on the NHDES website called the Environmental Dashboard. The Dashboard depicts environmental conditions such as water and air quality in various areas of the state. Commissioner Burack stressed the need to work with citizens of New Hampshire and organizations such as LRPC who recognize that a healthy environment and strong economy go hand in hand in order to make that a reality for today and for future generations.

6. Adjournment

S. Bean thanked those present for attending, and declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.