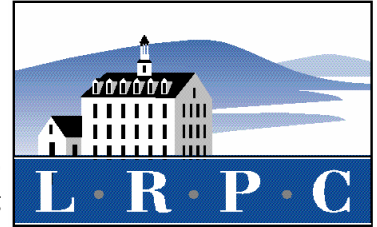


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## MINUTES of February 10, 2009 NH 28 Corridor Study Kickoff Meeting Barnstead Town Hall, Center Barnstead, NH

### PRESENT:

#### Alton

Sharon Penney, Town Planner  
Kenneth Roberts, Highway Agent  
Phil Smith, Police Chief  
Leo Paradis, Resident  
Donna Paradis, Resident

#### Barnstead

Charles Booker, Resident  
David Brown, ZBA  
Peter Llewellyn, Police Department  
David Murley, Planning, Fire & Rescue  
Richard Niolet, Highway Department  
Gordon Preston, Selectmen  
John Wheeler, Resident

#### Chichester

Peter Holmes, Resident  
Richard Moore, Planning Board

#### Epsom

Gordon Ellis, Road Agent  
Joanne Randall, Selectman

#### Pittsfield

Edward Vien, Selectman  
Gary Johnson, Fire Department  
Robert Wharem, Police Chief

#### NHDOT

Tom Jameson, Planning & Community Asst.  
Don Lyford, Highway Design  
G. Stuart Thompson, Highway Design

#### Regional Planning Commissions

Rodrigo Marion, Central NHRPC  
Vanessa Bittermann, Central NHRPC  
Kimon Koulet, Lakes RPC  
Adam Hlasny, Lakes RPC

#### Others

Paul Bartolomucci, Prospect Mountain High  
School Superintendent  
Brendan Berube, Reporter, *The Baysider*

### 1. Call to Order

Kimon Koulet of Lakes Region Planning Commission called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 pm. All in attendance were provided the opportunity to introduce themselves.

### 2. Project Overview

K. Koulet explained that he was "pinch-hitting," for Michael Izard, who was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. K. Koulet continued by explaining the project's scope, the people and agencies involved, what steps have already been taken, and gave a direction for the meeting to proceed.

### 3. Group Discussion

K. Koulet facilitated a group discussion, during which a representative from each of the five communities was given an opportunity to present short-term (12-18 month range) safety concerns they had for their portion of the corridor. Long-term transportation needs (5 year range) were also discussed resulting in the following list of concerns:

#### Short Term Safety Concerns (in order of priority by town)

##### Alton

- ❑ Stockbridge Road
- ❑ Prospect Mountain/Dudley Road
- ❑ Lot Line Rd, Abednego Road
- ❑ No sidewalks near school
- ❑ Fragmented sidewalk network

##### Barnstead

- ❑ North Barnstead Road
- ❑ Peacham Road/White Oak Road/Lakeshore Drive
- ❑ Colony Drive

##### Chichester

- ❑ Kelly Corner Rd (80-unit development proposed)
- ❑ NH Route 28/Main Street intersection (42-unit development pending)
- ❑ Epsom/Chichester Town Line (poorly banked, dangerous curve)

##### Epsom

- ❑ Entrances to business surrounding traffic circle (access management)
- ❑ Elkins Road
- ❑ Mill House Road
- ❑ Shoulders throughout

##### Pittsfield

- ❑ Leavitt Road (foot traffic problem)
- ❑ NH Route 28/107 intersection ("yield on green" sign, sight distance issues)
- ❑ Concord Hill Road (sight distance issues)
- ❑ Need of sidewalks and crosswalks at intersection of Route 28 & 107 (foot traffic)

#### Long Term Corridor Transportation Needs (in order of priority by town)

##### ALTON

- ❑ Sidewalks throughout corridor

##### BARNSTEAD

- ❑ "Wider and straighter" roadway throughout
- ❑ Sidewalks
- ❑ Drainage need

##### CHICHESTER

- ❑ Bear Hill Rd intersection
- ❑ Athletic fields
- ❑ Ice cream shop (parking problems)

##### EPSOM

- ❑ Conduct build out analysis on west side of NH Route 28
- ❑ Introduce recreational areas along the corridor

##### PITTSFIELD

- ❑ Parallel road to NH Route 28 for access to downtown
- ❑ Turn lanes at key intersections
- ❑ Consideration of lower speed limits to prevent accidents

**Public comments:**

- ❑ Traffic circle in Alton needs better signage (yield signs)
- ❑ Having center turning lanes in certain locations along the corridor
- ❑ Barnstead to Epsom circle is the most dangerous section: Focus in road design aspects
- ❑ From Mountain High School to Alton traffic circle: There is a need of sidewalks for students

**4. Crash Analysis**

Stuart Thompson of NH DOT delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding crash analysis along the corridor. He also mentioned the upcoming safety audit, and how it will be conducted. He used previous examples from other states to demonstrate how the process works.

**5. Existing Conditions**

Rodrigo Marion of Central New Hampshire Planning Commission delivered a PowerPoint presentation about the existing conditions in the Route 28 Corridor. This presentation included accident data for intersections, traffic count data on volume, speed, and classification, and an analysis of potential for bicycle paths along the corridor. R. Marion pointed out that any data in the presentation is available from CNHRPC upon request. Handouts were available showing more detailed traffic count data from LRPC.

**6. Project Next Steps**

K. Koulet wrapped up the meeting by describing what the next steps in the corridor study process would be. He discussed a timeline handout that reviewed the schedule of meetings and other events related to the study. While the next meeting of the full Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) is not until June, there is a required Federal Highway Administration training on road safety audits scheduled for March 3-4, for which two members from each community agreed to participate as follows:

Philip Smith, Alton Police Chief  
Ken Roberts, Alton Road Agent  
Barnstead representatives to be determined  
Richard Moore, Chichester Planning Board  
Peter Holmes, Chichester Resident  
Gordon Ellis, Epsom Road Agent  
David Fiorentino, Epsom Resident  
Gary Johnson, Pittsfield Fire Chief  
Robert Wharem, Pittsfield Police Chief

Those trained in road safety audits will represent the Safety Audit Team (SAT), a subcommittee of the CAC, who will participate in field study scheduled in April/May.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 pm.