



TAC Meeting

DRAFT Minutes of May 2, 2018

Humiston Building, Meredith, NH

Members Present

Sheldon Morgan, Chair – Gilford
Brad Harriman, Vice-Chair – Ossipee
George Tuthill—Alexandria
Steve Favorite – Bristol
Bill Dowey—Bristol (alternate)
Jeff Haines – Center Harbor
Brian Barry – Franklin
Krista Larsen – Laconia
John Edgar – Meredith
Robert Pollock – New Hampton
Barbara Lucas (alternate) – New Hampton
Glenn Smith – Northfield
John Gotjen – Tamworth
Lloyd Wood – Tuftonboro

Non-Voting Members

Nancy Spaulding, NHDOT District 3

Guests/Others

Jonathan Evans, Air and Noise Program
Manager,
NH DOT Bureau of Environment

LRPC Staff

Susan Slack, Principal Planner
Jeff Hayes, Executive Director
Tracey Ciriello, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order | Minutes

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Motion to approve the draft minutes of April 4, 2018 as written passed with four abstaining.

M | S | P Tuthill | Favorite | Passed
Abstained Edgar, Gotjen, Harriman, Smith

2. Guest Presentation— NH DOT Noise Policies and Abatement

Jon Evans, Air and Noise Program Manager from the NHDOT Bureau of Environment, gave a comprehensive presentation on NHDOT's Noise Barrier Programs and distributed copies of their program guide along with their Assessment and Abatement Policy and Procedural Guidelines for Highway Traffic Noise for Types I and II Highway Projects. Some of the items reviewed included:

- Definitions of Types I, II, and III highway projects under Title 23, Part 772 of federal regulations.
- Type II is a voluntary program that addresses existing noise impacts and is new to NH as of 2016. Uncommon across the US; however, makes NH the third New England state to adopt this policy after Connecticut and Massachusetts.
- Type II projects only consider receptors permitted by development prior to November 30, 2017
- Type II only for Tier 1 highways

- Type III projects—everything else; commonly misunderstood due to public perception that they take noise measurements to determine/assess noise level but in fact they are only taken for model verification since modelling—used in all 50 states—is considered more accurate to project capacity increase over time
- An abatement is long-term solution not a maintenance fix, and must be reasonable and feasible
- Most important aspect: effectiveness, measured from a baseline effectiveness level/rating not via a cost/benefit analysis which contains too many fluctuations
- Want to encourage municipal participation
 - No municipal participants yet—very new program
 - Each municipality must enact comprehensive planning regulations, including developing a land use plan
 - Each must acknowledge awareness of required 20% match by the municipality
 - Must request to participate in program
 - The State would then study the whole area and add to the State priority list.
- NHDOT did a 1.5-year Tier I planning study of the entire state; identified two potential locations in Northfield.

3. NH Freight Plan—Identifying critical freight corridors in the Lakes Region

By consensus, this item was tabled until the next meeting on June 6, 2018.

4. Regional Updates

Long-term Transportation Funding – Highway Funding Fact Sheet

The Committee revisited the long-term funding fact sheet prepared by Susan Slack, including what funds come into the state and how they are dispersed. Lloyd Wood asked for clarification on the amount of the state highway aid program, 1.7 or 2.5 million, and asked if the Committee members were already supposed to have gone to their respective Boards of Selectmen with the material. Ms. Slack indicated that some members felt they were not ready yet until they had all the information needed. Some members also indicated not enough Board of Selectmen meetings had been held since March elections to address the issue. No votes have been taken yet on TAC positions on the state highway aid program and a position won't be voted on until TAC members are able to confirm their town's or city's position with their respective Board of Selectmen or City Council.

The consensus was that the funding fact sheet document was satisfactory to everyone; Ms. Slack will email the document to everyone with the draft marking removed. Mr. Wood moved that the TAC decide what it supports at the June meeting (the next monthly TAC meeting on June 6, 2018); the motion passed unanimously with no one abstaining. John Edgar asked if the number of roads and such could be quantified regionally, to be able to represent the unfunded portion/need, so that we could summarize the deficit need to elected officials. Jeff Hayes concurred, recognizing that while tedious to continually bring forth, we still need to bring forward the projects that don't get funded.

M | S | P Wood | Favorite | Passed

Route 113/West Rattlesnake Mountain Trailhead Parking

Susan Slack reviewed a draft of a letter from the LRPC to NHDOT and updated the group that she had talked with the Holderness Town Administrator and Police Chief again regarding steps taken/to be taken and what they're currently doing. The Town has a plan for this summer; however, the third possible parking option had been dependent on getting No Parking signs from State. The group

discussed various options that have worked successfully in their own towns and talked about how to approve the letter and that it should reflect the uniqueness of the situation, perhaps indicate trial basis if deemed needed to include, and that safety is the paramount concern; the resulting consensus was that the letter come from Jeff Hayes on LRPC's behalf, reflecting the TAC's support.

Status of 2019-2028 Ten Year Plan

The NH Senate Transportation Committee amended the state highway program and put Tilton's stalled project back on the list, so it appears that even though the state highway aid program won't be funded, the Tilton project will be included in the State's Ten Year Plan, which is being voted on today or tomorrow.

VW Settlement Fund

The State issued a draft plan for how to use the \$31 million allocated to NH from the settlement with VW resulting from violations of the Clean Air Act regarding 2009 to 2015 diesel engines. The NH Office of Strategic Initiatives and the Department of Environmental Services will hold public meetings across the state to take comments on the draft plan; the next one is May 9, 2018, at Town Hall in Center Ossipee. The draft plan calls for a portion of the funds to be available to municipalities and school districts, with a local match required, to replace diesel vehicles. Other funds will be available for electric charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.

6. Other Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2018, in Meredith by default. Anyone who would like to host should please contact Susan Slack.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

M | S | P Gotjen | Edgar | Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Ciriello, Executive Assistant