



TAC Meeting

Draft Minutes of September 4, 2019

103 Main Street, Meredith, NH – First Floor Conference Room

Members Present

Sheldon Morgan, Chair—Gilford
George Tuthill – Alexandria
David Kerr—Barnstead
Jeff Haines – Center Harbor
Mark Hempton – Effingham
Malcom Tink Taylor—Holderness
John Edgar — Meredith
Tracey Hutton – Northfield
Joe Fagnant – Plymouth
John Gotjen—Tamworth
Lee Ann Moynihan -- Tilton
Lloyd Wood—Tuftonboro

Non-Voting Members

Lucy St. John, NHDOT
Elizabeth Strachan, NHDES

Others

Cindy Yanski, Belknap Merrimack CAP

LRPC Staff

Susan Slack, Principal Planner
Erin Daley, Assistant Planner
Jessica Bighinatti, Assistant Planner

1. Call to Order | Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Introductions of attendees and guest.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair | Nominations

A motion was made and seconded to nominate M. Morgan to continue to serve as chairman.

M|S|P Wood | Hazelton | Passed

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Tink Taylor as Vice Chair.

M|S|P Kerr | Hazelton | Passed

3. Approve Draft Minutes 2:10 PM – June 5, 2019 meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes of June 5, 2019.

M | S | P – Edgar | Taylor | Passed Abstained: John Gotjen, John Edgar, Tracey Hutton

4. Set TAC Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020

TAC members agreed to continue meeting on the first Wednesday of each month except for July and August, and January 1, 2020, which is a holiday. The remainder of the 2019-2020 meetings will be held on: October 2, November 6, December 4, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3.

5. Maintenance of Gravel Roads

Russ Lanoie of Rural Home Technology in Conway (<https://ruralhometech.com/road-and-driveway-maintenance/>) and author of *A Ditch in Time – An Owner’s Manual for Those Who Live and Travel on Dirt and Gravel Roads*, gave a slide presentation about maintaining gravel roads, emphasizing the

importance of drainage, including keeping drainage ditches open in the winter. He spoke about the effect of erosion on water quality, the importance of using proper road surface materials, and the proper slope for the crown of the road. He also spoke about the problems caused by winter sanding, spring thaw and roadside vegetation.

6. Regional Updates

Ten Year Transportation Plan: S. Slack announced that GACIT (Governor’s Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation) hearings on the 2021-2039 draft Ten Year Transportation Plan would be held in LRPC’s region on Sept. 19 in Laconia and Oct. 16 in Franklin, at which LRPC staff would speak briefly about our three prioritized projects in Moultonborough (NH 25/Redding Lane), Gilmanton NH 107/140), Tilton (US 3(Main Street)/School Street). The draft Ten Year Plan schedules the projects for construction in 2029 (Moultonborough and Tilton), and 2030 (Gilmanton).

Statewide Pedestrian-Bicycle Transportation Plan: S. Slack said that NHDOT and its consultant Alta Planning + Design, will hold a public comment session on September 25 at the Gilford Public Library, 6-8 pm, on the update of the Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan, and there will be opportunities for people to discuss where they bike and walk, connectivity gaps, and to mark up maps.

CMAQ (Congestion Management/Air Quality)

S. Slack said that TAC is being asked to score and rank transportation related projects for the current funding round of the CMAQ program. Proposed projects include a traffic flow improvement project from Belmont and several flashing yellow arrow (FYA) traffic signals at several Lakes Region intersections from NHDOT. Scoring criteria will be distributed to TAC members along with the project applications ahead of the Oct. 2 meeting. Projects are funded 80% federal and 20% municipal, must produce air quality benefits, must be constructed by the municipal applicant, which is then reimbursed. S. Slack asked TAC members if they prefer the applicants to give presentations at the TAC meeting as has been the practice for the Transportation Alternatives funding program. The consensus was that presentations should be made. Information on criteria used for scoring will be provided before the meeting and is available on the NHDOT website.

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funding

Elizabeth Strachan, NHDES, briefly discussed the state’s clean diesel grant program, which provides funding for replacement of older diesel engines. She said \$700,000 is available for distribution to municipalities, school districts, and commercial entities for fire trucks, dump trucks, plow trucks, school buses, on- and off-road vehicles. Engine retrofits, upgrades and replacements can be covered. E. Strachan distributed information; further information is available on the NHDES website.

7. Other Business

M. Morgan announced that the next TAC meeting will be October 2. L. Wood said Tuftonboro is interested in hosting the meeting. He will notify LRPC if the meeting space is available.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm following a motion by T. Taylor, seconded by D. Kerr, and unanimously approved.

M | S | P Taylor | Kerr | Passed