



TAC Meeting

DRAFT Minutes of June 6, 2018

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

Members Present

Sheldon Morgan, Chair—Gilford
Brad Harriman, Vice-Chair—Ossipee
David Kerr—Barnstead
Steve Favorite—Bristol
Jason Hayden, Alternate—Gilford
Paul Hazelton—Hebron
Malcom “Tink” Taylor—Holderness
Krista Larsen—Laconia
Robert Ward—Moultonborough
Robert Pollock—New Hampton
Glenn Smith—Northfield
Johnny Van Tassel—Sanbornton
John Gotjen—Tamworth
Lloyd Wood—Tuftonboro

Non-Voting Members

Nancy Spaulding, NHDOT District 3
Lucy St. John and Tracy McAllister, NHDOT,
Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance

Guests/Others

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

LRPC Staff

Susan Slack, Principal Planner
Jeff Hayes, Executive Director
Dave Jeffers, Regional Planner
Risa Mosenthal, Intern
Nicole Stevens, Intern
Tracey Ciriello, Meeting Recorder

1. Call to Order | Minutes

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Motion to approve the draft minutes of May 2, 2018 with the correction that Paul Hazelton was present at the May 2, 2018 meeting passed with one abstaining.

M | S | P Gotjen | Favorite | Passed

Abstained: Edgar, Gotjen, Harriman, Smith

2. NH State Freight Plan

S. Slack introduced Lucy St. John, who was here in March, from the NHDOT’s Bureau of Community Planning and Assistance. Ms. St. John presented a brief presentation with slides, explaining that the NHDOT has asked New Hampshire’s RPCs (regional planning commissions) to identify critical rural freight corridors in their regions. She described how they were defined, how they fit it into the national network, the overall supply chain, and Ten Year Plan project location, noting that the maps depicted were from 2016. By getting input from each of New Hampshire’s 9 RPCs, the State can view these maps as a composite that reflect local input, listing particular areas of concern, and can be looked at from the local point of view. She answered questions from the group, indicating that the examples they raised are the types of routes they should put on their lists, and confirming that they are looking at all modes of transportation, not just trucks, and including rail—that this will be a multi-modal perspective.

N. Spaulding reminded that the Ten Year Plan is updated every two years. Comments from RPCs are due to NHDOT by June 30th. The Chair thanked L. St. John and asked everyone to put their concerns in writing in bullet-point format by replying to the email S. Slack will send out.

3. Long-term Transportation Funding

The group shared specific feedback from their towns' selectboards, with no feedback or comment from some towns at this time. L. St. John and N. Spaulding clarified some turnpike questions: turnpike money can only be used on the turnpike while turnpike toll credits are an 80/20% federal match restricted by the federal government. J. Hayes indicated that NH provides very little match because it doesn't come up with enough funding, having more in toll credits instead, which would only benefit us if federal funding changes. L. Wood brought up two examples that Tuftonboro has done or proposed: a cooperative agreement with a neighbor town, Wolfeboro, that was a big success, and their suggestion to the State that they, Tuftonboro, fix the two red-listed bridges they have, then get reimbursed down the line. J. Hayes agreed on the latter tactic, indicating it was part of the State highway aid project—a great program to reinstate and leverage, but must have regional support from our municipalities. He credited and thanked Senator Guida for getting Tilton's proposed State Highway Aid project added back into the Ten Year Plan after funding was eliminated. There was no clear consensus on a particular area to support so the LRPC staff will break the list down into smaller segments.

4. Regional Updates

Status of 2019-2028 Ten Year Plan

After no agreement at first then much back and forth between the House and Senate, NH's Ten Year Plan was passed, with the Tilton project put back in.

Route 113/West Rattlesnake Mountain Trailhead Parking

The LRPC sent an updated letter to NHDOT, which may now be moot since talking with the Town of Holderness about the property owner applying for a driveway permit. The Town has to decide, but the State is open to discussing the driveway permit, so this could be the compromise solution or part of the overall solution. T. Taylor passed around a postcard from the White Mountain museum store at Plymouth State advertising the Rattlesnake trail. S. Slack described her conversation with Bill Lambert at NHDOT who said similar highway parking problems are also occurring in other parts of the state.

5. Other Business

L. Wood thanked L. St. John for returning to the TAC.

J. Gotjen asked that the people not here at today's meeting be contacted for their input regarding transportation funding.

S. Slack will email the group about a new TAP grant round deadline; a letter of intent is due July 13, with full application deadline September 7. November 9 is the deadline for RPCs to make recommendations to NHDOT.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 in Meredith. The Chair will continue looking into other areas to hold meetings—the space does not have to be electronically capable. First order of business on September 5 will be the annual election of officers.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

M | S | P Favorite | Taylor | Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Ciriello, Executive Assistant