

# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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## TAC Meeting Summary: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 103 Main St., Meredith, NH

### VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheldon Morgan (Chair), Gilford  
Brad Harriman (Vice-Chair), Ossipee  
John Edgar, Meredith  
David Ford, Wolfeboro  
David Kerr, Barnstead  
Bruce Woodruff, Moultonborough  
John Gotjen, Tamworth  
Rick Ball, Belmont  
Steve Favorite, Bristol  
Tink Taylor, Holderness  
Eli Badger, Ashland

### OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Hayes, LRPC Executive Director  
Warren Hutchins, LRPC / Laconia  
Michael Izard, LRPC Principal Planner  
Daniel Callister, LRPC Assistant Planner  
William Rose, NHDOT  
John Hodgdon, Meredith  
Eric Williams, NHDES  
David Toth, Ashland

### Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 2:04PM by Chairman Morgan. This may be Chairman Morgan's last TAC meeting due to retirement however he will inquire if the Gilford Board Selectmen would consider him to continue as their community representative and if so he could continue to serve in the capacity as Chair. Welcome to new members David Toth and Eli Badger representing Ashland. Motion to approve Minutes of November 8 meeting was passed.

M/S/Passed Favorite/Taylor (abstaining: Badger, Toth)

### Regional Updates

Transportation Alternatives Program project ranking from November TAC meeting was reviewed for accuracy and submitted to NHDOT. DOT will score the projects using the same criteria as the TAC. The evaluation process was originally to be completed by the end of the year, however Commissioner Clement is resigning and this transition may slow things.

Scenic Byways Advisory Committee is being established. M. Izard sent a letter out to the 13 byway communities asking them each to appoint a representative to the Advisory Committee. Six have responded. Appointees include; Bruce Woodruff (Moultonborough), John Ayer (Gilford), Tink Taylor (Holderness), Norman DeWolfe (Ashland), Tom Hoops (Alton), and John Edgar (Meredith). Since not all communities are represented on the working group, effort will be required to ensure that they are appropriately represented in the Corridor Management Plan.

Winnepesaukee Gateway website is owned and maintained by LRPC in cooperation with the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA). We would like to utilize the tabs on this homepage for disseminating information about the Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan (CMP). An overview map would show the byway route from the 'Atlas' tab and an interactive map could display the byways intrinsic

qualities with a queriable interface. Similar interactive maps exist on the gateway website showing water quality data points. The CMP document may fit well under the “Management Plans” tab on the homepage, but this may require a couple of paragraphs that make the connection to environmental stewardship and water quality with some recommendations included.

TAC Meeting Annual Topical Summary was created for 2014 and loaded to the LRPC website above the TAC minutes and agendas links. Sorting TAC meeting resources by topic might help to make TAC meeting information more accessible by linking directly to archived topical information.

### **Salt Application Presentation**

Eric Williams, NHDES Watershed Assistance Supervisor made a presentation on chloride impairments and a commercial salt applicator certification program. Salt application as part of winter road maintenance contributes to chloride impairments in soils and water bodies. A certification program titled Green SnowPro provides instruction on best winter road maintenance practices including calibrating equipment for the appropriate salt application rate. By adopting and following a winter maintenance plan, communities can be protected from liability against slip and fall claims. Those who have completed the Green SnowPro training through UNH Technology Transfer Center are eligible for state certification.

The following information was provided through questions from the TAC; Porous pavement may result in less need for salt application, except during freezing rain events. Sodium chloride and calcium chloride both have the same potential to contaminate water. NHDOT uses about 180,000 tons of salt each year. Much of our salt comes from South America and even some from Africa. The salt may be colored differently depending on its source. Expensive acetates applied to bridge surfaces help to reduce chloride, but they create an oxygen depletion problem. It is cheaper to prevent than fix impairments. Lake Winnepesaukee is not impaired having a chloride load is less than 230mL. The water bodies most likely to be threatened are wells or small ponds.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Morgan expressed appreciation to LRPC in the job they’ve done increasing interest and participation in the TAC, which he remembers being a group of only three or four when he began participating.

T. Taylor is a representative on the state rail authority and provided TAC with an update on the development of the state’s rail plan. There were two hearings for the plan from Lowell to Concord. Consultants are on-board for 18 months and we will have a plan by December. There appears to be overwhelming support from Nashua to Manchester for passenger rail. Estimates are for 660,000 passengers per year and it would be paid for by the Massachusetts Bay Authority. A summary of the plan will be provided once it is available.

The next TAC meeting will be held February 4, 2015 following receipt of guidance from DOT regarding TYP update. If this information comes sooner, the meeting could take place January 7, 2015. S. Morgan encouraged TAC to continue efforts to periodically host meetings at different locations throughout the region.

Motion to adjourn

M/S/Passed Gotjen/Harriman