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TO: Lakes Region Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

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**Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Minutes of Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

New Hampton Public Safety Building, 24 Intervale Road, New Hampton, NH

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheldon Morgan, Gilford (Chair)	Robert Pollack, New Hampton
Brad Harriman, Vice Chairman	Rick Ball, Belmont
Lloyd Wood, Tuftonboro	Scott Bartlett, Moultonborough
Jon Gotjen, Tamworth	John Edgar, Meredith
George Tuthill, Alexandria	Malcolm Taylor, Holderness
David Kerr, Barnstead	George Tuthill, Alexandria
Jeff Haines, Center Harbor	Nic Strong, Alton
Eli Badger, Ashland	Peter Nourse, Gilford
Paul Hazelton, Hebron	

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Rollins, NHDOT District 3	Mardean Badger, Ashland
Jeffery Hayes, Executive Director	Walter Johnson, Moultonborough
Michael IZARD, Principal Planner	Ray Korber, Consulting Engineer - Moultonborough
Erica Hebert, Admin. Ass't.	Marjory Amico, Freedom
Mark Howard, Tuftonboro	Nicholas Coates, Bristol
Steve Favorite, Bristol	Mike Vignali, Consulting Engineer - Bristol
Jan Collins, Hebron	
Jerry Coogan, Moultonborough	

Call to Order – Introductions – Past Minutes

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 1:35PM and asked those present to introduce

themselves. Motion to approve minutes of September 7, 2016. M/S/Passed Gotjen/Bartlett (Abstaining: Haines and Edgar). No public comment was provided.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application Scoring Process Review

M. Izard provided an overview of the scoring process. At the September 7 meeting TAC members finalized the criteria to be used – these are consistent with state criteria. Each criterion is to be scored on a one to ten scale (ten being best). A criteria definitions handout and scoresheets were provided, indicating the weight given to each criterion. LRPC staff will tally the scores and provide the results by the end of the week. Members are asked not to score proposals from the community they represent, but are encouraged to score all other applications. The format will be approximately 15 minutes for presentations followed by ten minutes for questions and answers.

TAP Application Presentations

1:45 – 2:10 Town of Moultonborough
Presenters: Walter Johnson, Town Administrator
Ray Korber, Consulting Engineer

Q: M. Taylor – Any condemnation of land involved?

A: Don't believe so, I think we can keep it within ROW, by Ferry Road we will be into stone walls and tress, important issues to residents.

Q: M. Taylor – Not classed as Scenic Road?

A: Don't believe so.

Q: J. Gotjen – Past problem with Phase 1 resolved?

A: Yes, in Phase 2 there was a two-foot gravel panel between edge of pavement and pathway. The town is paving over areas where gravel was being deposited on path.

Q: J. Gotjen – Is there a plan to connect the pathway with NH25?

A: Essentially you don't have to because the connection is provided already through the playground complex.

Q: Is winter maintenance planned on the walkway?

A: No.

Q: J. Edgar – Is the likelihood of easements factored into the cost estimate?

A: No, likely this can be done within the ROW. There are 6-7 parcels which may require temporary or permanent construction easements.

Q: J. Edgar – An attractive feature of the project is connectivity, but without Phase 3B, Phase 3A doesn't achieve this?

A: Right, Phase 3B is needed to connect all phases.

Q: J. Edgar – Where vehicle speeds are a safety factor, has anything been done to address and is this safe without a separation between road and path?

A: The town has invested in delimiters to show limit of pathway for other on-road segments. Town is working with state to stripe narrower lanes. Not aware of any past accidents with users.

Q: D. Kerr– Is there any historical daily use data?

A: No formal survey, only anecdotal.

Q: M. Izard– Will there be a formal crosswalk at Schoolhouse Road?

A: Not at that level of design development, will probably have one, need to work with DOT.

2:15 – 2:40 Town of Freedom

Presenter: Marjory Amico, Freedom Resident

Q: J. Edgar – Not familiar with community, what connectivity does the project provide?

A: Multiple summer camps, direct link to town forest with snowmobile trails which mountain bikes can use, Ossipee Lake Trail which is the main corridor, Ossipee Lake access, and with this segment the entire trail could be used for 10k events.

Q: J. Gotjen – Has Green Mountain Conservation Group looked at the plan?

A: No, this won't have an environmental impact or impact on water quality, could check with them.

Q: P. Hazelton – Are the camps tax paying?

A: Two are and the other two are non-profits.

2:45 – 3:10 Town of Bristol

**Presenter: Nicholas Coates, Town Administrator
Mike Vignali, Consulting Engineer**

Q: P. Hazelton – Will this project connect with Mill Stream?

A: No, that is beyond project limits, but would be a future consideration.

Q: S. Morgan – Bristol provides many opportunities for visitors, how is information about the offerings shared – is there a kiosk?

A: Town is looking at moving a Chamber of Commerce hut from current location to downtown, also a billboard is being discussed at the Eagle Scout project site.

Q: J. Edgar – Project includes new construction and re-construction for sidewalks, how is the considered in the cost estimates – are you comfortable with the cost estimates?

A: Illustrated section of new and re-constructed sidewalks proposed. Yes, very comfortable with the cost differential and the estimate over-all based on four other Safe Routes to School projects.

Q: J. Edgar – TAC reviewed a past trail proposal which is an 'ace in the hole' for the town.

A: The is currently being considered through an LWCF application.

3:15 – 3:40 Town of Ashland

Presenter: Marden Badger, Ashland Resident

Q: G. Tuthill – Local financial support will be considered through 2017 warrant article?

A: Yes.

Q: R. Ball– Any opportunities for project to address access management?

A: Planning Board is working closely with businesses. Recent example, Dollar General reconstructed a section of sidewalk. Town will work with businesses to address.

Q: R. Pollock – Will driveway narrowing be considered?

A: Good suggestion, will work closely with businesses.

Q: J. Gotjen – How will residents be satisfied in areas with steeper sloped access?

A: The area being referenced is not as steep as a recent improvement at a business entrance which allows trucks in and out effectively.

Q: B. Pollock– Have sidewalks been considered on both sides of the street?

A: Yes, the north side provides space but much more business impact. This proposal is trying to be practical and keep cost estimates reasonable.

Q: M. Taylor– Have school populations increased?

A: They are currently steady after some slight increases and decreases.

Q: J. Edgar– You indicate a pedestrian light and bump-outs will be considered, are these included in budget?

A: Yes.

Q: P. Norse– What construction material is proposed and how will large trees be addressed?

A: Asphalt, consistent with other sections and to keep cost reasonable. There are no large trees to contend with.

Other Business

S. Morgan thanked all participants for their contributions to the process. Next TAC meeting Wednesday, November 2. Tuftonboro offers to host and a site visit at a soon to be completed project at Lang Pond Road by the Libby Museum - LRPC will coordinate.

Motion to adjourn at 3:48PM

M/S/Passed Pollock/Haines