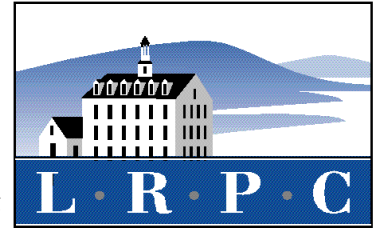


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MINUTES
LRPC COMMISSION MEETING
Moultonborough Town Hall, Moultonborough, NH
September 28, 2015

PRESIDING: Warren Hutchins
QUORUM: Present

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.
COMMUNITIES PRESENT: 14

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Philip Wittmann (Alton)
John Cotton (Andover)
George Condodemetraky (Belmont)
Steve Favorite (Bristol)
David Hughes (Center Harbor)
John Ayer (Gilford)
John Morgenstern (Gilford)
Mitch Manseau (Hebron)
Warren Hutchins (Laconia)
Hamilton McLean (Laconia)
William Bayard (Meredith)
Herbert Vadney (Meredith)
Barbara Perry (Moultonborough)
Douglas Read (Northfield)
Ian Raymond (Sanbornton)
Patricia Farley (Tamworth)
Stephen Wingate (Tuftonboro)

LRPC STAFF:

Jeffrey Hayes, Executive Director
Mike Izard, Principal Planner
David Jeffers, Regional Planner
Marie Gelinass, Administrative Assistant
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES
Carl Sutera, Pure 1 Systems
Samuel Perry (Moultonborough)
MEMBERS EXCUSED:
Wayne Crowley (Northfield)
SPEAKER(S)
Pierce Rigrod, NHDES
Mike Izard, LRPC Principal Planner

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair W. Hutchins called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and declared a quorum present to do business. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

2. Motion for Approval of the March 30, 2015 LRPC Commission Meeting Minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2015 LRPC Commission meeting was unanimously approved. *M/S/P Wingate/Favorite*

3. Motion for Approval of the FY16 Budget as presented.

A motion to approve the FY16 Budget as presented was unanimously approved. *M/S/P Farley/Perry*

4. Motion to Approve the FY17 Membership Appropriations as presented.

Chair Hutchins noted that the Municipal Appropriations remain the same as last year. A motion to approve the FY17 Membership appropriations as presented was unanimously approved.
M/S/P McLean/Farley

5. NH Department of Environmental Services Presentation: An Update on Drinking Water Issues and Available Resources.

Chair Hutchins stressed the importance of the Lakes Region's drinking water supply as a foundation to a healthy economy. The Chair then introduced LRPC Executive Director Jeffrey Hayes. Mr. Hayes said that LRPC has been working closely with the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on several projects and wanted to continue that partnership into the future. He then introduced Pierce Rigrod.

P. Rigrod said that NHDES is working on several projects around the state and operates a small grant program to bring partners together to protect drinking water resources such as wells, intakes, and aquifers. He said NHDES has a new online app called "Be Well Informed" to help evaluate water treatment options. He credited LRPC Commissioner Steve Wingate and the Town of Tuftonboro Conservation Commission for getting private well owners to test and treat their water.

Over the last ten years NHDES has had a series of projects that involved communities in the Lakes Region. He stated Lake Waukegan in Meredith is a high quality lake, and a significant resource for this area. The Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association monitors the area very well with volunteers collecting data and sending to labs for processing. NHDES recently assisted the town in helping to replace outdated septic systems.

He discussed a project in Paugus Bay Laconia to construct a bio-retention basin in partnership with LRPC, the City of Laconia, and the Paugus View Condo Association.

Mr. Rigrod also noted the Tri-Town Aquifer Protection project led by LRPC (Belmont, Northfield, and Tilton) which was a collaborative initiative to protecting shared drinking water resources.

A question and comment period followed the presentation. P. Rigrod thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and urged them to contact him or his department regarding additional questions or concerns.

6. Draft LRPC Development of Regional Impact Guidelines Discussion

Mike IZard, LRPC Regional Planner gave an overview of the proposed Development of Regional Impact Guidelines. He referred to the state statute RSA 36:54 – Review of Developments of Regional Impact. The purpose of this subdivision is to:

I. Provide timely notice to potentially affected municipalities concerning proposed developments which are likely to have impacts beyond the boundaries of a single municipality.

II. Provide opportunities for the regional planning commission and the potentially affected municipalities to furnish timely input to the municipality having jurisdiction.

III. Encourage the municipality having jurisdiction to consider the interests of other potentially affected municipalities.

After a lengthy discussion with questions and answers, Chair Hutchins accepted a motion to adopt “Suggested Development of Regional Impact Guidelines”. The motion was unanimously approved. *M/S/P Morgenstern/Condodemetraky*

7. LRPC Annual Report

Chair Hutchins stated the LRPC Annual Report highlights the successes for FY15 and thanked LRPC staff for their hard work.

8. Roundtable

W. Hutchins (Laconia) said there is a great deal of commercial and residential development taking place in all areas of the City. Laconia will be developing the old state school property and a \$14M Colonial Theater project.

D. Read (Northfield) said that he recently learned that public charter schools were exempt from local landuse regulations and operate as entities of the state.

M. Manseau (Hebron) said Newfound Pathways efforts to develop a Bike/Pedestrian path around the lake were aided by new narrower roadway striping allowing lanes for bicyclists and pedestrians.

P. Wittmann (Alton) said there is a small strip mall on Main Street that will be redeveloped and that a home was recently torn down to make way for a new Aroma Joe’s business.

P. Tarpey (Tamworth) said the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Capital Improvements Committee recently held a joint meeting with LRPC leading a discussion.

9. Other Business

J. Hayes said that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26 at the Belknap Mill in Laconia with the LRPC hosting the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was unanimously approved. *M/S/P Manseau/Perry*