

Draft MEETING NOTES
Lakes Region Plan Advisory Committee (LRPAC)
Committee Meeting

LRPC, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Meredith, New Hampshire
Wednesday September 25, 2013 at 9:00 AM

Committee Members

John Cotton LRPC Commissioner, Town of Andover
Jean Marshall LRPC Commissioner, Town of Freedom
Robert Snelling LRPC Commissioner, Town of Holderness
Joseph JessemanLRPC Commissioner, Town of Tilton
Carol PierceRegional Leadership Team, City of Laconia
Steve Wingate LRPC Commissioner, Town of Moultonborough

LRPC staff

Gerald Coogan, Special Projects Manager..... Lakes Region Planning Commission
Dari Sassan, Regional Planner Lakes Region Planning Commission
Michael Izard, Principal Planner Lakes Region Planning Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Introductions

J. Marshall called the 2nd meeting of the LRPAC to order at approximately 9:10 AM and welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves by name and affiliation.

Proposed Lakes Region Plan ProcessJ. Coogan

G. Coogan distributed a revised Lakes Region Plan timeline with key dates being June 30, 2014 (submittal of the draft Lakes Region Plan to NRPC) and November 24, 2014 (LRPC Commissioners adopt the Lakes Region). The staff is preparing draft Chapters for review by the LRPAC. At the June 26th meeting, the LRPAC agreed to meet in September, November, January, March, May and July. However, additional meetings may be needed. Meeting notices, agenda minutes and planning documents can be seen online at Granite State Future Web Site: <http://granitestatefuture.org/>. Note this website should not be confused with Granite State Futures website.

Review Draft Vision Section*Group*

G. Coogan reviewed the draft Vision statement and the process for preparing it, which included information from the following sources:

- Comment cards from the listening boxes;
- Vision statements from the 30 Lakes Region communities;
- Major Lakes Region Planning documents;
- Meeting with officials and interested citizens;
- UNH Survey Center --- statewide and regional survey;
- Community of Place meeting held on May 7, 2013 in Laconia;
- Community of Interest meetings;
- The NH Smart Growth principles as contained in NH RSA 9-B:2; and
- The NH Livability Principles in the context of the Lakes Region

He noted the planning process is a “bottom ups” and builds upon what communities have stated in planning documents, meetings, forums and other venues.

R. Snelling suggested deleting the word “magnificent” before natural resources at the end.

J. Cotton mentioned the importance of local bridges as noted in the UNH statewide survey.

R. Snelling mentioned the Creative Economy is an economic development goal and should be brought forward to the LRPC vision. Economic development includes a broad approach involving manufacturing, arts, the creative economy, education, broadband, natural resources et cetera.

S. Wingate stated natural resources is fundamental and should be the guiding vision and that economic development oftentimes consumes resources.

Moved by R. Snelling and seconded by J. Jesseman to conditionally accept the Vision Section with the noted changes.

Review Draft Economic Development ChapterGroup

R. Snelling stated that energy and the environment, especially renewable energy, is a very complicated issue. Page 56 in Section II needs to be more robust. Page 28 needs more explanation.

Moved by C. Pierce and seconded by R. Snelling to conditionally accept the Economic Development Section with the noted changes. S. Wingate noted the Economic Development Chapter was well done.

Review proposed Chapter outlinesGroup

M. Izrad mentioned the LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the proposed Transportation Chapter outline and thought it should include a discussion on needs vs. lack of funding and priority projects. The LRPAC thought the following items were a priority: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 11. See attached.

Moved and seconded to accept the outline.

D. Sassan reviewed the Environmental Chapter outline. Discussion on the status of water quality, which has declined in the last 5 + years. LRPAC recommends retention of the following in Appendix A: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

S. Wingate discussed biodiversity. LRPAC members noted the LRPC should focus on areas where it can be effective. R. Snelling discussed potential funding for water quality.

Moved by J. Jesseman and seconded by S. Wingate to accept the outline.

Regional Housing WorkshopGroup

G. Coogan encouraged all to attend the Friday September 27th session.

Public Comment

No comment

Next Meeting

The Committee discussed the next meeting date and agreed to stick with the schedule as originally presented on June 26th. The Committee prefers to address more issues at a longer meeting, rather than have more frequent meetings. The 3rd and next LRPAC meeting will be held on Wednesday November 20, 2013 at 9 AM at the 1st Floor Conference Room, LRPC, Meredith.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.