



LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NH Lakes Management and Protection Program

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095
phone: 603-271-2959 fax: 603-271-7894
jacquie.colburn@des.nh.gov



LMAC MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2013
DES Meeting Rooms
9:00 am – 10:45 pm

Members present

David Packard, Chair
Susan Slack, Vice Chair
Shane Bradt
Linda Brownson
Fred Clews
Robert Compton
John Cooley
Eric Feldbaum
Kimberly Hallquist
Dick Smith
Mary Truell
Bob Wolff

Representing

NH Lakes Association
Director, Office of Energy & Planning
Scientific Community, UNH
State Conservation Committee
Fish & Game Commission
Planning Boards
Conservation Community
Commissioner, DRED
Municipal Officials
Fishing Interests
NH Association of Realtors
Commissioner, Dept. of Agr., Markets & Food

Term

August 1, 2015 V
Indefinite NV
August 22, 2016 V
August 1, 2015 V
August 22, 2015 V
August 1, 2014 V
September 19, 2013 V
Indefinite NV
August 1, 2015 V
November 17, 2013 V
June 27, 2014 V
Indefinite NV

Members not present

Wendell Berry
Capt. Tim Dunleavy
Mark Hemmerlein
John Irwin
Jim Morash
Martha Twombly
Vacant

NH Business and Industry Assn.
Commissioner, DOS
Commissioner, DOT
NH Marine Dealers Association
Tourism Industry
NH Assn. of Conservation Commissions
Exec. Director, F&G

July 8, 2013 V
Indefinite NV
Indefinite NV
August 22, 2014 V
August 1, 2013 V
August 22, 2016 V
Indefinite NV

Staff Present

Jacquie Colburn Rivers and Lakes Programs
Tracie Sales Rivers and Lakes Programs
Carolyn Guerdet DES Administration

Others/Guests

Tom O'Brien NH Lakes Association
Robert Snelling Shoreland Advisory Committee Chair

The Meeting Was Called to Order

Chairman Packard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all present.

I. Introductions/Minutes/Committee Business

Introductions were made of members around the table.

1) Acceptance of November LMAC Meeting Minutes

- ***Fred Clews made a motion to accept the November 7, 2013 minutes, second by Susan Slack. Motion passed unanimously with no discussion.***

2) LMAC Membership Update

Bob Compton introduced himself as the new member representing Planning Boards and Eric Feldbaum introduced himself as the new member representing DRED. Jacquie Colburn noted that both Bob Compton's membership and Jim Morash's renewal were confirmed at the prior day's Governor & Council session, while Kim Hallquist's membership was confirmed at a November G&C meeting. Membership

renewals for John Cooley and Dick Smith are in progress, and the BIA is still seeking a new appointee to replace Bud Berry. A new representative of the NH Fish & Game Dept. is on hold until a new employee is hired to replace Jeff King. Finally, 2014 term expirations are Mary Truell (June), Bob Compton (August), and John Irwin (August).

II. Update Regarding LMPP Activities – Jacquie Colburn

1) LMPP Program Updates

Jacquie and Tracie's time has been primarily dedicated to the Rivers Program. Jacquie reviewed for the new members that when the 2011 budget went into effect, the Lakes Coordinator position as well as one other full-time position were eliminated, resulting in the change from 3½ FTEs to 1½ FTEs for the Lakes and Rivers Programs. Discussion was held regarding how this could be remedied and Jacquie pointed out that the funding topic was on the agenda for the joint meeting. Chairman Packard has spoken with Ted Diers and Commissioner Burack as to what can be done, but noted that the Commissioner demurred on the topic. Tom O'Brien suggested forming a subcommittee, without DES staff involvement so as to avoid conflict, to establish a Lakes Program budget strategy. Members agreed with the idea and Dave Packard, Linda Brownson, Tom O'Brien, Bob Compton, and Shane Bradt volunteered for the committee.

2) Surplus Land Disposals(SLRs)

Jacquie explained that the LMAC has the opportunity to review and comment on any state property proposed for sale, lease or easement near lakes and ponds. More information on the process is available on the LMAC blog.

Since the November LMAC meeting, no SLRs have been received that fall within the jurisdiction of the LMAC; however, the RMAC will be reviewing two SLRs at their meeting.

III. Member Priorities Survey – David Packard

Chairman Packard thanked those LMAC members who responded to his request for feedback.

Scientific Community: Shane Bradt polled his colleagues at UNH and shared the feedback with the LMAC, though he intends to ask more of his colleagues for their thoughts as well. Some of the ideas he received were 1) Learning how to effectively communicate scientific information; 2) The long response time of lakes to any work or changes made to improve them; 3) How to determine the natural state of the lake, or what it should be; 4) Cyanobacteria; 5) How do we effectively communicate the value of lakes to the populace? The 2003 Economic Value report was referenced; 6) Land use issues and buffer zones; 7) Create sound management practices and incentivize them.

Fish & Game: Fred Clews noted that in order for F&G to sell licenses, it must have a product. Having a product requires clean water for hatcheries, fish and other wildlife.

Conservation Community: John Cooley commented that the biggest priority is protecting the shoreline. He feels that trends, including development, need to be examined to determine if protection efforts are working or if they need to be improved. John will ask other member organizations about their priorities regarding lakes.

Department of Safety: Chairman Packard read Capt. Dunleavy's email, which focused on how to pay for enforcement on lake activities.

Conservation Commissions: Jacquie read Martha Twombly's email, which noted many priorities.

Audubon: Chairman Packard read from former LMAC member Larry Sunderland's email, which mentioned use of herbicides to control exotic weeds, non-lead tackle and the Shoreland Protection Act as priorities.

Chairman Packard will reach out again to stakeholders for additional feedback.

IV. Review of 2014 Lake-Related LSRs – Tracie Sales

1) 2013 Recap

HB 292, Milfoil Decals, was amended to increase the current residential registration by \$2 (for milfoil control only), with an OTP vote by the RR&D Committee.

HB 545, Rafting of Boats was voted ITL by the RR&D Committee.

2) 2014

Tracie will continue to do a key word search through the 2014 LSRs and will make suggestions regarding those that she and Jacquie think the LMAC may wish to track and/or take a position on.

Among those LSRs the LMAC may be interested in tracking are LSR 2087 (Jeness Pond) and LSR 2140 (vessel registration), plus LSR 2701 regarding expanding membership of the exotic species committee. Chairman Packard suggested waiting for bill language before determining if the LMAC should take any positions on the LSRs. Tom O'Brien noted the importance of water infrastructure funding legislation as well as two Commission Reports that may affect lakes, the SB 60 Report regarding infrastructure needs and another recommending fees for canoes and kayaks. Links for the 2 reports will be put on the blog.

(Mary Truell, NH Association of Realtors representative, arrived at 10 a.m. and introduced herself.)

Jacquie again brought up the possibility of an LMAC Legislative Subcommittee, which had been discussed at the 11/7 meeting. She explained the RMAC subcommittee, which meets once in person and subsequently by phone, does a quick overview and decides what would be of interest to the full committee and brings those bills back to RMAC with recommendations. If needed, a letter of testimony is drafted. Chairman Packard suggested the LMAC continue tracking legislation until bill text is available, and form a subcommittee later if necessary. Jacquie reminded everyone to continue checking the blog for weekly legislative updates.

V. LMPP Statute and Program Review – Jacquie Colburn1) Review of the LMPP Comprehensive Lake Inventory Document

Over the past year, Bud Berry has presented an idea for lake classification that uses an inventory tool to categorize lakes. The idea is based on a system used by Wisconsin, though NH's existing inventory process is more comprehensive than WI's. Jacquie presented a slide show about the Comprehensive Lake Inventory (CLI) developed by the LMAC several years ago.

RSA 483-A requires the LMAC to develop a guidance document on how to create a lake management plan. The CLI, a companion to the *New Hampshire Guidelines for Coordinated Lake Management and Shoreland Protection Plans* was created to fulfill this requirement; it is broken into several components and consists of 95 questions that pertain to the lake, the shoreland and the watershed. It is the tool to compile the information needed to create a management plan. Jacquie explained that the Inventory is an easy to use manual to gather scientific, technical, social and natural heritage information about a lake and its immediate watershed. When completed, the Inventory can also be used to rate the lake according to each of three important characteristics: including, the lake's recreational value, the lake's susceptibility to impairment, and the lake's unique or outstanding value.

Chairman Packard asked if the state writes lake management plans, to which Jacquie replied that the plans have been done when funding has been available, and they should be written cooperatively with local associations. Existing plans exist in various forms depending on the goals of the funding source. Tom O'Brien asked if there was a repository of plans and if the NH Lakes could help promote them. Jacquie answered that she is not sure how many plans there are, but tried to catalog the inventories at one point and found 30-40, some of which were abbreviated. The Lakes Program has also worked in cooperation with UNH to develop lake inventories over the past several years. Shane Bradt noted that just having a score can be dangerous with potential misinterpretations of the information.

2) Review of DES Annual Report to PWAAB

Jacquie provided an overview of the DES draft Annual Report to the Public Waters Access Advisory Board (PWAAB). PWAAB was established in 1992 to advise NH Fish & Game on matters relative to public access to waters throughout the state. PWAAB submits an annual report to the legislature highlighting what the state agencies have done specific to public access opportunities within their department. The DES portion, for which Jacquie is responsible, summarizes DES' annual activities that relate to public water access.

VI. Member Comments and Updates

The Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association and FB Environmental Associates will be holding a kickoff meeting for the development of the watershed plan for Lake Waukegan and Lake Winona on Monday, December 9th, 5:30-7pm at the Meredith Community Center, Meredith, NH.

Jacque shared a Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) article on cyanobacteria and toxic algae, and the research LSPA is conducting on Gloeotrichia Echinulata, a cyanobacteria.

Tom O'Brien noted that the public outreach process of the Instream Flow Program has resulted in a partnership agreement between DES and the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association to monitor effects of a modified lake draw down plan. He feels the partnership is a positive one. Tom also mentioned a full day of meetings between Fish & Game, DES, Audubon and others relative to lake management of invasive plants, their proliferation, and their effects. He appreciated statewide involvement.

10:45 am – Meeting Adjourns