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LMAC MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2019
NH DOT Granite State Conference Room - 114
7 Hazen Drive, Concord NH
1:30pm – 3:40pm

Members Present

David Packard, Chair
Bruce Allen
Shane Bradt
Capt. Tim Dunleavy
Eric Feldbaum
Garret Graaskamp
Tiffany Grade
Mark Hemmerlein
Frank Lemay
Rex Norman
Dick Smith
Mary Truell

Representing

NH Lakes Association
NH Assn. of Conservation Commissions
Scientific Community, UNH
Commissioner, DOS
Commissioner, DNCR
Executive Director, F&G
Conservation Commission
Commissioner, DOT
NH Business and Industry Association
Municipal Officials
Fishing Interests
NH Association of Realtors

Term

August 1, 2021 V
August 22, 2019 V
August 22, 2019 V
Indefinite NV
Indefinite NV
Indefinite NV
September 19, 2019 V
Indefinite NV
July 8, 2019 V
August 1, 2021 V
November 17, 2019 V
June 27, 2020 V

Members Absent

Mark Borrin
Linda Brownson
Ed Crawford
Ernest Millette
Jennifer Gilbert
Bob Wolff/David Rousseau
Vacant

NH Travel Council
State Conservation Committee
Marine Dealers Association
Fish & Game Commission
Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives
Commis., Dept. of Agr., Markets & Food
Planning Boards

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Staff Present

Jen Drociak Rivers and Lakes Programs
Mariah Mitchell Rivers and Lakes Programs
Tracie Sales Rivers and Lakes Programs

Guests

Janet Kidder Future Planning Board Representative

The meeting was called to Order

Chair Dave Packard called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed all present.

I. Introductions/Minutes/Committee Business

1) Welcome, Introductions and Brief Announcements

Introductions were made during the Joint RMAC/LMAC meeting.

2) Acceptance of October 3, 2018 LMAC Meeting Minutes

- ***Bruce Allen motioned to accept the October 3, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Second by Frank Lemay. Motion passed unanimously.***

II. LMAC Business and LMPP Program Updates

1) LMAC and Subcommittee Membership Update

Janet Kidder has been nominated to be the new LMAC Planning Board representative as Mike Hodder has stepped down from the committee. Linda Brownson has also stepped down from the committee but has not yet nominated a replacement. Ed Crawford's term has expired and he has not yet completed the paperwork to renew his term.

The LMAC Policy and Legislation subcommittee only has two members- Dave and Mary. Dave asked for volunteers to join the committee. Dick Smith volunteered to serve on the committee. Capt. Dunleavy stated he would be happy to serve as a resource to the committee but at this time cannot serve on it.

2) LMAC Vice Chair

Garret Graaskamp volunteered to be the Vice Chair of the LMAC. LMAC voting members approved him as Vice Chair by voice vote. Congratulations Garret!

3) Surplus Land Review

The LMAC received one surplus land review in Concord but it was not within 250 ft. of a lake or providing access to one, and therefore outside of the LMAC's area of interest.

III. 2019 Lake-related Legislation

1) 2019 Legislation and Bills

The LMAC reviewed the bills which had text at the time of the meeting. Any Legislative Service Request (LSR) that did not have text at the time of the meeting was tracked and will be reviewed at the next LMAC meeting.

The LMAC proposed the following positions for 2019 Legislation:

- Support: HB 137, HB 228, HB 244, HB 326, HB 443, HB 475, HB 542
- Oppose: HB 150, HB 219
- Track: HB 107, HB 188, HB 276, HB 325, HB 352,* HB 516, HB 543
- * Note that the LMAC position on this bill was changed later in the meeting to Support.
- Track Due to Lack of Bill Text: LSR 270 [HB 727], LSR 700 [HB 265], LSR 723 [HB 668], LSR 751 [HB 640], LSR 768 [HB 645], LSR 783 [HB 682], LSR 784 [HB 679], LSR 274[SB 201], LSR 623[SB 202], LSR 825 [SB 160], LSR 844 [SB 254]
- Delete: HB 299

- ***Bruce Allen motioned to accept the proposed positions on the bills as discussed in the meeting. Second by Tiffany Grade. Motion passed unanimously.***

2) LMAC Standing Positions

The LMAC Standing Positions were created to define legislative categories that the LMAC generically supports or opposes. These standing positions allow the chair and vice chair to quickly distribute letters of testimony on just these previously approved topics between scheduled LMAC meetings. As this document was reviewed, Tracie noted that the LMAC was proposing to support legislation “making appropriations to NHDES for the purposes of funding eligible drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program” in contradiction of the “track” position approved previously for HB 352.

- ***Bruce Allen motioned to change the LMAC standing position for HB 352 from tracking to support. Second by Tiffany Grade. Motion passed unanimously.***
- ***Bruce Allen motioned to accept the document as written. Second by Tiffany Grade. Motion passed unanimously.***

Tracie noted that the standing position document references the *Policy and Procedure for the LMAC Policy and Legislation Subcommittee* document, but incorporates minor edits to the *Procedure* document.

- ***Bruce Allen motioned to change the language in the LMAC Policy and Legislation Subcommittee document to be consistent with the noted changes in the standing positions document. Second by Shane Bradt. Motion passed unanimously.***

IV. Wetland Rule Revisions, Env-Wt 100-900

Tracie provided the LMAC with a summary of some of the changes proposed for the Wetland Rules. Garret had concerns with the permitting requirements in section 300, where it appears that the process has increased restrictions and protection of resources. Tracie pointed out how many kinds of permits are proposed to be streamlined for quicker processing and how many are being changed from standard or expedited permits into permits by notifications (PBNs). With these new rules, PBNs will be processed in 5 days and therefore will not be given to conservation commissions or local advisory committees for review. Expedited permits will also not be reviewed by conservation commissions or local advisory committees. The concern is that many projects will no longer receive local review. Garret proposed that even though the time will be shortened, conservation commissions remain included in the permitting process. The LMAC decided not to take any action on this matter at the time of this meeting.

V. LMAC Member “Info-mercials”

Dave and Rex Norman postponed their “info-mercials” until the next meeting to allow for more time for the meeting discussion.

VI. Subcommittee Updates and Member Comments

1) Squam Lake Loon Initiative

Tiffany reported that the Loon Preservation Committee is waiting for test results from sediment samples taken this fall to move forward. The Plymouth State University graduate student working on this project is searching for sources of DDT in the Bennett Brook tributary to Squam Lake and starting to analyze all of the data being received. Test results from the loon eggs sent out in the fall are coming in. Fish samples from last fall are currently with the government labs

and results are expected soon. Mark Hemmerlein noted that no DOT work is planned for Rte. 113.

2) WQSAC

WQSAC had a meeting scheduled January 10th but it is postponed due to the current government shutdown. This meeting will be rescheduled before the next WQSAC meeting planned for April 11th. During their meeting in October, WQSAC discussed nutrients and the flow to use for calculating nutrient dilution ratios for wastewater treatment plant discharges.

3) Member Comments

- Shane announced that the Lay Lakes Monitoring Program at the University of New Hampshire is celebrating their 40th anniversary and they will be scheduling a get-together for the program.
- Dave announced that Lake Winnepesaukee is officially iced in. Capt. Dunleavy warned that the ice is still thin or open in a few places.

VII. New Business and Action Item Review

1) New Business

No new business

2) Action Item Review

Letters of testimony will be sent out according to the LMAC approved positions.

3) Next LMAC Meeting

A Doodle poll will be sent out for a meeting during the last week of March. A joint meeting will be scheduled if necessary but at this time it does not seem essential to schedule.

Chair Packard adjourned the meeting at 3:41pm.