

LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NH Lakes Management and Protection Program



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MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2007
DES Conference Room
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Members present:

Phil O'Brien, Chair
Larry Sunderland, Vice Chair
Jim Haney, Ph.D.
Diane Hanley
Mark Hemmerlein
Ken Jordan
Mitchell E. Kalter
Shari Colby
Fred Murphy

Representing:

NH Lakes Association
Conservation Community
Scientific Community, UNH
Conservation Commissions
Commissioner, DOT
NH Association of Realtors
NH Fish & Game Commission
Commissioner, DRED
Planning Board

Term:

August 1, 2009
September 19, 2010
August 22, 2010
August 22, 2010
Indefinite
June 27, 2008
August 22, 2009
Indefinite
August 1, 2008

Members not present:

Wendell Berry
Michele L. Tremblay
Ken P. Wilson
Mark Gallagher
Steve Perry
Jennifer Czysz
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

NH Business and Industry Assn
State Conservation Committee
NH Marine Dealers Association
Commissioner, DOS
Director, Fish & Game Dept.
Office of Energy & Planning
Tourism Industry
Elected Municipal Official
Commissioner, Dept. of Agr., Markets & Food

July 8, 2010
August 1, 2009
August 22, 2008
Indefinite
Indefinite
Indefinite
Indefinite
Expired
Indefinite

Staff Present

Jacquie Colburn
Sonja Carlson
Jennifer Rowden
Carolyn Guerdet

Lakes Coordinator
Beach Program Coordinator
PT Watershed Planner
Admin. Asst., Water Division

Guests

Derek Durbin
Dari Sassan

NH Lakes Association
Office of Energy & Planning

The Meeting Was Called to Order

- **Phil O'Brien, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30am.**

I. Opening

- 1) Review of Agenda
- 2) November Meeting Minutes

Corrections were noted for the minutes of November 16, 2007.

- **Ken J. made a motion to accept the November 16, 2007, minutes as corrected. Mitch K. seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.**

II. Key Discussion Issues

1) Review and Discussion of Proposed Legislation for 2008

Jacque distributed 2 listings of proposed legislation, one from the NH Lakes Association and one prepared by LMPP staff. Derek Durbin, NH Lakes Association noted LSR 2848 is a correction to a clerical error. HB 1295 involves 34 parties for the commission to study issues related to stormwater.

Jacque reviewed the bills highlighted on the LMPP list of bills. If bills of interest come before the Legislature before the next meeting Jacque will check with Phil and Larry regarding an LMAC position, if appropriate.

2) Review and Discussion of LMAC proposal to provide assistance to DRED regarding the Ossipee Lake Natural Area Management Plan

A letter has been drafted and it was suggested that Commissioner Burack and Chairman O'Brien both sign the final letter.

Jacque also offered to coordinate a meeting date in January where DES and DRED could get together to discuss a plan. This meeting would include Shari Colby, new LMAC representative and Don Kent from the Natural Heritage Bureau.

III. Lake Vignette: Lake Tahoe

Jim Haney has developed a series of lake vignettes that he uses for teaching purposes. For the LMAC, he presented a vignette regarding Lake Tahoe and the changes that have occurred in its water quality over the last several decades. The transparency of Lake Tahoe was 132 feet in the 1950s and has dropped to 67 feet in 2006. The primary causes are: automobile pollution – air pollution and nitrogen; community (watershed) development and recreation – cultural eutrophication; watercraft – carbureted 2 cycle engines. All of these pollutants, nutrients and contaminants have affected the lake's food web.

In an effort to address and correct the deteriorating water quality, in 1997 there was a Presidential Forum on Lake Tahoe. From this Forum, a partnership was established between the USGS, state agencies, and non-governmental groups to determine the causes of the lake's deteriorating water quality and develop and implement mechanisms to correct the problems. With the LMAC focusing on a Sustainability Initiative, we can and should learn from the Lake Tahoe experience; what do we want to achieve and how are we going to do it.

IV. Other Issues

Sustainability Initiative:

- **Mitch K. made a motion that we approve to move ahead with the recommendation as stated in the last paragraph on page one of the paper, as edited. Ken J. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.**

Jacque thanked all of the LMPP and RMPP staff for their work on the Sustainability Initiative. She also thanked the subcommittee members for their time and contributions that they made over the last 8 months.

1) Committee Member Reappointments/New Members

Shari Colby is now our DRED representative.

- **At 12 noon a fire alarm was set off and the LMAC took a recess until allowed back in the building at 12:25.**

2) Selection of committee member for the Water Quality Standards Advisory Committee (WQSAC).

It was decided an email would be sent out to all LMAC members to invite a volunteer to come forward to serve on this committee.

3) Member Updates

DES and the NH Marine Trades Association are working together to present an all day Marine Trades Workshop here at DES on February 15th.

4) Future Agenda Items

For the January meeting, Darlene Forst, Wetlands Bureau will provide the LMAC with an update regarding the status of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act.

For the February meeting, the NH Lakes Association has agreed to do a presentation regarding their joint project with UNH to develop "A Comprehensive Lake Classification Study".

Another suggestion for a future meeting: Ask Michele T. to present the management plan that has been developed for Beaver Lake in Derry.

5) Action Item Review

- a) Additions to and editorial changes to Sustainability Initiative are due by January 4th.
- b) Staff to send an email soliciting a Water Quality Standards Committee representative.
- c) Staff to send an email (with links) regarding lake related legislation.
- d) Staff to check with Dick Flanders, Admin. Of the WRBP re: LSR 2889.

- **Motion to adjourn made by Diane H. and second by Ken J. Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.**