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“LRPC ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS EVENT”

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) hosted its Annual Meeting & Awards Night on June 17, 2024 at Church Landing at Mills Falls in Meredith. In attendance were municipal, regional, and elected leaders who joined the LRPC Commissioners, Executive Board, and staff for this yearly event. Keynote speaker, Mayor Andrew Hosmer of Laconia, addressed the organization on the City's vision for the future of the Laconia State School property and its impact on the City and surrounding communities.

The LRPC presented an Award of Excellence to the Belknap County Conservation District. This award serves to recognize an organization for an exciting and innovative project that has been successfully conceived and implemented in a community over the year. Lisa Morin (Program Coordinator) and Deb Williams (Gleans Coordinator) accepted the award on behalf of the District and its numerous volunteers for their Gleaning Program which connects local farmers with less fortunate residents experiencing food insecurity in an effort to distribute excess crops and reduce waste.

A Community Service Award was presented to Robert Harrington of Laconia. This award is given to individuals who have made exceptional and sustained contributions to their community and/or to the economy of the Lakes Region. Mr. Harrington is described as a kind, selfless, passionate, and open-minded leader who has served over 50 years on the Laconia Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners as well as devoting many years to the Laconia Conservation Commission and several other community organizations. His leadership and dedication help make his community a better place to live in.

Also honored were five LRPC Commissioners and Executive Board members who retired over the past year, each of whom had served more than 12 years. The LRPC is pleased to recognize the

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following: Robert Snelling [formerly] of Holderness (23 years), Douglas Read of Northfield (22 years), Wayne Crowley of Northfield (16 years), Dean Anson of Laconia (12 years), and Jean Marshall of Freedom (12 years). Receiving a Certificate of Appreciation was Jeanie Forrester who served 4 years as a Commissioner for the Town of Tilton.

Congratulations to all the winners, and a big thank you to Mayor Hosmer for his insightful presentation as our guest speaker, as well as to all the attendees who made this a wonderful evening!

We would also like to acknowledge our generous sponsors for this event: Nobis Engineering, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Samyn-D'Elia Architects, Ippolito's Furniture, Irwin Automotive Group, Moulton Farm, and R.M. Piper, General Contractors. Your generosity and support are much appreciated.

