

# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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## LRPC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

9:00 – 11:00 AM

LRPC Office, First Floor Conference Room  
Humiston Building, 103 Main Street, Meredith, NH

## AGENDA

**NOTE:** Seven (6) Executive Board members must be present in-person at the meeting location to establish a quorum, so please let Jeff or Linda know if you cannot attend.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approve Draft Minutes of November 9, 2022 and December 7, 2022** *Attachment 1*
3. **Finance/Treasurer Report**
4. **Monthly Executive Report** (*Dec, Jan, Feb*) *Attachment 2*
5. **Committee Reports**  
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
6. **Old Business**
  - a. RHNA Report – Fair Share Housing Allocation by Town *Attachment 3*
  - b. *Reminder:* By-Law Change (election of officers annually per RSA 36:48) *Attachment 4*
  - c. *Reminder:* Wearing Name Tags to Meetings
7. **New Business**
  - a. SB47 – Commission to Study Barriers to Increased Density of Residential Development in NH *Attachment 5*
  - b. LRPC Member Logo *Attachment 6*

*Actionable Items*

  - d. Resignations/Open Board Positions (temporary appointments to fill terms?)
  - e. Commitment to Serve & Conflict of Interest Policies **for Commissioners** *Attachment 7*
  - f. Annual Meeting
    - i. Nominating Committee (5 members per By-Laws): officers
    - ii. Awards Committee
  - g. Approval of TYP priorities *Attachment 8*
8. **Announcements**

Senator Shaheen - FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending (submission D/L 03/10/23)  
For more information: <https://www.shaheen.senate.gov/cds>  
Congressman Pappas – FY24 Community Project Funding (submission D/L 03/03/23)  
For more information: <https://pappas.house.gov/cpf>
9. **Roundtable**
10. **Adjourn**

**NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2023**

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All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

# *Attachment 1*

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## LRPC Executive Board Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2022

PRESENT	Dean Anson, II, Cristina Ashjian, John Ayer (Chair), Mardean Badger, Pat Farley (Secretary), Mark Hildebrand, David Katz (Vice Chair), David Kerr (Treasurer), Bob Snelling
ABSENT	Bill Bolton, Steve Favorite, Steve Wingate
STAFF	Jeff Hayes (Executive Director), Linda Waldron (Administrative Assistant), Sean Chamberlin (Sr. Transportation Planner)
LOCATION	LRPC Office, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Meredith

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### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair Ayer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and noted that a quorum was present.

### 2. **Minutes**

Minutes of October's Executive Board meeting was presented for approval. There were no comments or discussion. Bob Snelling submitted a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by David Katz. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor. Minutes were approved as presented.

### 3. **Finance/Treasurer Report**

Executive Director Hayes noted that Vice Chair Katz had made some inquiries of the Finance Administrator regarding certain items in the report since receiving it and asked Vice Chair Katz to share some of his questions and the responses received with the Board. Executive Director Hayes also noted that we still show a small deficit, but this is trending up and we should be caught up by December.

### 4. **Monthly Executive Report (October)**

Chair Ayer asked Executive Director Hayes if he would like to highlight any items of specific interest or importance contained in the report and he briefly mentioned a couple items.

### 5. **Committee Reports (TAC)**

Treasurer Kerr stated that November's TAC meeting topic was on prioritizing ten year transportation plans which will be addressed further in the meeting (see: 7a). Executive Director Hayes noted that attendance and quorum issues plague the TAC as well.

### 6. **Old Business**

a/b. Attendance & Vacancy Letters. The language in the proposed letters was mostly favorable. It was suggested that a letter addressing those municipalities that currently have no commissioner be sent out after town meetings in March and members agreed. Vice Chair Katz asked if there were similar attendance letters used by the TAC for their members. Currently there is no attendance policy as it relates to the Executive Board or the TAC, and Executive Director Hayes offered that we should use the same attendance policy for the Executive Board and TAC members as are in the Commission By-Laws. Vice Chair Katz agreed that we should strive for consistency across the organization by responding in the same manner regarding attendance/absences and vacancies.

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As an aside, Executive Director Hayes noted that recently we changed our By-Laws to reflect a two-year term for officers, however it has been pointed out that RSA 36:48 states that we shall elect officers annually. This puts our By-Laws in direct opposition to the RSA. As such, we will need to amend the By-Laws to reflect consistency with the RSA.

- c. Censure Letter Follow-up. Executive Director Hayes recapped the reason for issuing this letter. He stated that the member receiving same has continued to be non-compliant. Executive Director Hayes has spoken with the town officials of the member's municipality and has been advised that the selectboard will be taking up the matter at their next meeting. We will wait until we know the outcome of the selectboard meeting to determine if further action is necessary on our part.

## 7. New Business

- a. Ten Year Transportation Plan Priorities. Executive Director Hayes stated that one of the TAC's duties is to prioritize ten year plan funding. We have a \$6.1 million dollar target allocation to prioritize projects in the Lakes Region every two years. The TAC receives proposed projects from municipalities which they review and score, subsequently providing recommendations to the Executive Board who has the ultimate authority to recommend submissions to the NH DOT. Executive Director Hayes reviewed the scoring results, noting that we have two fairly good engineering reports; one from Meredith and one from Plymouth, but the third, from Laconia, is problematic regarding its validity in that it is an estimate from 2019. Executive Director Hayes also mentioned that it was concerning that there was not a quorum for the TAC meeting, especially given that this is the most importance TAC meeting of the year. There was discussion about whether or not to attempt to move all three projects forward despite the outstanding issues of Laconia's lack of updated values and Meredith's problem of being underfunded. Consensus was that we should move forward with preliminary recommendation of the TAC to submit all three projects to the DOT with the understanding that the Laconia project would be *at risk*. In the meantime, we should attempt to get a more current estimate from Laconia. Vice Chair Katz made a motion to recommend that Meredith be listed as first priority at \$2.4 million, Plymouth Phase 1 as second priority at \$4.5 million, and Laconia as third priority at \$2.2 million. Mardean Badger seconded the motion. Chair Ayer conducted a voice vote which resulted in a unanimous approval. Motion passed.
- b. Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant Application. Executive Director Hayes provided an update that we are working on a new grant application for an additional \$500,000 in funding for the region. Franklin, Laconia, and Ashland will be the target communities, but funds are open to the entire region. We have submitted a DES source water protection grant application to assist towns with groundwater overlay districts and are looking to apply to the USDA to fund a clean energy circuit rider in order to support local communities with renewable energy projects.
- c. Private Mapping Companies in the Lakes Region. Executive Director Hayes pointed to the list provided which included the 5 or so mapping companies serving the region and advised that the LRPC can provide additional services to communities at very low member rates. This would include zoning changes, lot line adjustments, parcel lines, etc. We can do future capacity buildouts as well. Executive Director Hayes is interested in growing our GIS mapping services into a fulltime position for the organization. On that front, LRPC is participating in a DOT pilot program concerning local traffic counting and undertaking more outreach to municipalities.

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- d. Obtaining a ".gov" Website. Executive Director Hayes advised that we are investigating the possibility of converting from a .org domain name to a .gov domain name in order to boost our cybersecurity via additional services provided by the federal government. We need to conduct more research into the pros and cons, and talk with other communities that have made this transition.
- e. Executive Board Biographies. Executive Director Hayes noted that we would like to obtain a short biography from EB members who do not currently have one on file with the organization. This would be posted to our website and assist community members in identifying their representatives and learn a little more about them.

Vice Chair Katz asked to discuss briefly preliminary considerations for the 2023 annual meeting. It was noted that this will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup> and the focus will be on clean energy alternatives. We would like to put together a panel of participants in the clean/renewable energy field and potential locations to hold the meeting were offered. We will attempt to put together some more ideas and information for the next meeting.

## 8. Roundtable

D. Katz, New Hampton—Going through the budgeting process. Looking to enter a warrant article to continue work on RSMS plan and updating. The planning board is going through their zoning amendments.

P. Farley, Tamworth—There will be a broadband forum on December 7<sup>th</sup> via Zoom regarding currently available choices. The planning board is working on a groundwater protection ordinance which will likely be on the ballot in March.

C. Ashjian, Moultonborough—The little schoolhouse project is progressing. There is a lot of new development movement. The Village school's electronic video message board is going forward. The planning board will be considering an updated Koss application for Bean Road.

M. Hildebrand, Center Harbor—The Carroll County Superior Court shut down the developer's high density calculations for the Center Harbor/Moultonborough project, but the developer will be submitting a new application tonight at the planning board meeting.

Sean Chamberlin, LRPC—We will be pushing through the ten-year plan projects and conducting future outreach to municipalities regarding discretionary grant opportunities for other transportation projects.

J. Perez, Plymouth—Advised Scott Weden has been named the new Town Manager. They are actively working on ten-year plan projects. They have been awarded an *InvestNH* grant which will be used for hiring a consultant to conduct a housing needs analysis, the consultant will conduct an audit of the Town's current regulations, and the consultant will draft a plan which includes public engagement.

D. Anson, Laconia—Concerning the issue of affordable housing, there are two big development projects in the works which include the previous state school property and the Langley Cove project of which only the state school property proposal mentions any affordable housing; the Langley Cove project is all high-end. There is a new City Manager. There are openings in the DPW and the planning department. There are meetings being scheduled about the homeless issue. Dean attended a NH Association of Conservation Commission meeting recently and spoke about an app that can be downloaded to a phone that will allow an individual to identify plants and animals which can then be used to update a community's natural resource inventory and used to share this information with other communities.

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Finally, it is noted that Laconia's ability to fight any forest fires is not adequate and the danger of having one due to climate change concerns is elevated.

R. Snelling, Holderness—Nothing new to report in Holderness.

M. Badger, Ashland—There are information discussions being conducted between the planning board and the Mill Pond developers. Current issues are primary access to the property and a secondary access point which has an easement to the ballfield.

D. Kerr, Barnstead—There are normal planning board issues such as lot lines and subdivisions. Residents' expressing concerns regarding short term rentals such as noise, traffic, and capacity. The Town is not interested in RSMS even after Dave Jeffers' previous presentation concerning same. It is expected that a proposed school board construction project will be on the ballot in March. There is a massive piece of privately owned property, part of which is being parsed out to various tenants, but a large part of the property is essentially a scrap yard which is of concern.

J. Ayer, Gilford—The new Michael's store is now open. Progress is continuing on the construction of 2 large self-storage buildings across from the Walmart plaza. Two subdivisions have come in for property on Glidden Road which are slated for high-end housing.

## 9. **Adjournment**

Chair Ayer adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Waldron  
Administrative Assistant

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## LRPC Executive Board Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2022

PRESENT	Cristina Ashjian, John Ayer (Chair), Mark Hildebrand, David Katz (Vice Chair) - virtually, David Kerr (Treasurer), Bob Snelling, Stephen Wingate
ABSENT	Dean Anson, II, Mardean Badger, Bill Bolton, Patricia Farley, Steve Favorite
STAFF	Jeff Hayes (Executive Director), Linda Waldron (Administrative Assistant)
LOCATION	LRPC Office, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Meredith

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### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair Ayer called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM noting that a quorum was not present, and that Dave Katz was joining us remotely.

### 2. **Minutes**

Minutes of November's Executive Board meeting was presented for comments and discussion. There were none. As there was no quorum, approval of the minutes will be tabled for vote at the March 2023 meeting.

### 3. **Finance/Treasurer Report**

Executive Director Hayes noted that there is still a bit of a deficit showing primarily due to a couple of projects that are lagging slightly in order to be billed which should be rectified soon.

### 4. **Monthly Executive Report (November)**

Executive Director Hayes reviewed the report and there was additional discussion regarding the recycling of plastics generally and boat wrap plastic specifically.

### 5. **Committee Reports (TAC)**

Treasurer Kerr stated that given that this month's Executive Board meeting was pushed up a week from its normal date, it so happens that it coincides with the TAC meeting which is scheduled for this afternoon. Executive Director Hayes mentioned that the agenda for the meeting will include review of the ten year plan as well as updates on the bike/ped and transportation plans.

### 6. **Old Business**

- a. Censure Follow-up. Executive Director Hayes advised that he met with the selectboard in Bristol in a non-public session to discuss the event which is the subject of this censure. He asked that they act on our recommendation which was well received. We are currently waiting for their decision.
- b. Annual Meeting Location. Much discussion was had regarding the information we have obtained concerning three venues under consideration – Church Landing, The Barn on the Pemi, and Gunstock Mountain Lodge. Considerations included location, aesthetics, cost, attendance, guest list, sponsorship solicitations, etc. Consensus of those in attendance were leaning towards Church Landing.

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- c. Draft Fair Share Housing Allocation by Town. Executive Director Hayes distributed 2 additional handouts to the information already contained in the meeting packet. These were tables related to (1) projected housing needs for Lakes Region communities (allocation of fair share housing) and (2) population projections, both covering a 20 year period. These tables were created with information supplied by the NH Office of Planning & Development. Executive Director Hayes mentioned that the deadline for publishing and distributing this data has been moved from December 2022 to March 2023. Discussion was had regarding the ability to adjust this methodology based on uninhabitable and poor condition units and future demolitions, buildable land and infrastructure, the opportunity index, and community resources. Executive Director Hayes recommended that we move forward with the figures as shown and save any adjustments for future years. There was an agreeable consensus. We will need to bring a complete report to the next Executive Board meeting for recommendation to the full Commission.

## 7. **New Business**

None.

## 8. **Roundtable**

D. Kerr, Barnstead—Noted that at the last Commissioner meeting he spoke about a developer who is looking to build several housing units on a Class 6 road for which the planning board is requesting a performance bond to cover the necessary upgrades to bring the road to a Class 5 category. An update to that matter is that the developer will be phasing in this project so as to eliminate the immediate need to upgrade the road and thus negating the need for a performance bond. Dave recently attended a NH Municipal Association conference where he had conversation with a NH Co-Op representative regarding broadband. The Co-Op plans to have fiber broadband available to all its customers within the next 4 years.

M. Hildebrand, Center Harbor—The town has updated property evaluations which, for Mark, would almost double his taxes if the rate remains the same. He spoke with the appraisal company to find out how they came up with their figures and was told they were primarily based on area sales.

J. Ayer, Gilford—There is a company looking to develop 2 lots, approximately 6 – 7 acres, in the Lakes Business Park as a solar farm which is likely to be approved. John advised that there are several motel/resort units in the town and suggests that they could be quickly approved as housing units in order to meet the requirements for their fair share of regional housing. He also has concerns that affordable units are being turned into Airbnb's and wonders if the State will ever intervene to prevent this. The Town is going to make another attempt to develop a short-term rental ordinance.

## 9. **Adjournment**

Chair Ayer adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Waldron  
Administrative Assistant



# *Attachment 2*



# Monthly Executive Report

## Local

- **Center Harbor.** Provided information on tiny homes and detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to town.
- **Hill.** Provided information on the review of private roads.
- **Belmont.** Provided information regarding search for Town Planner.
- **Hebron RSMS.** Discussed final forecast, map formatting, report, final products, and completion schedule. Report finalized and submitted to the Town - project complete.
- **Tilton.** Prepared checklist for submission to NH HSEM. Checked in on status of local review of the plan and incorporated the changes received. Reached out to TA regarding one change.
- **Plymouth RSMS & CCDS.** Communicated completion schedules. Reviewed finalized maps and guided correspondence with town. All materials were sent out – projects are complete.
- **Meredith.** Assisted with CMAQ application. Adjusted cost estimate for Town.
- **Holderness.** Met with Town Administrator and TAC member to discuss funding options for transportation projects and the road safety audit process.

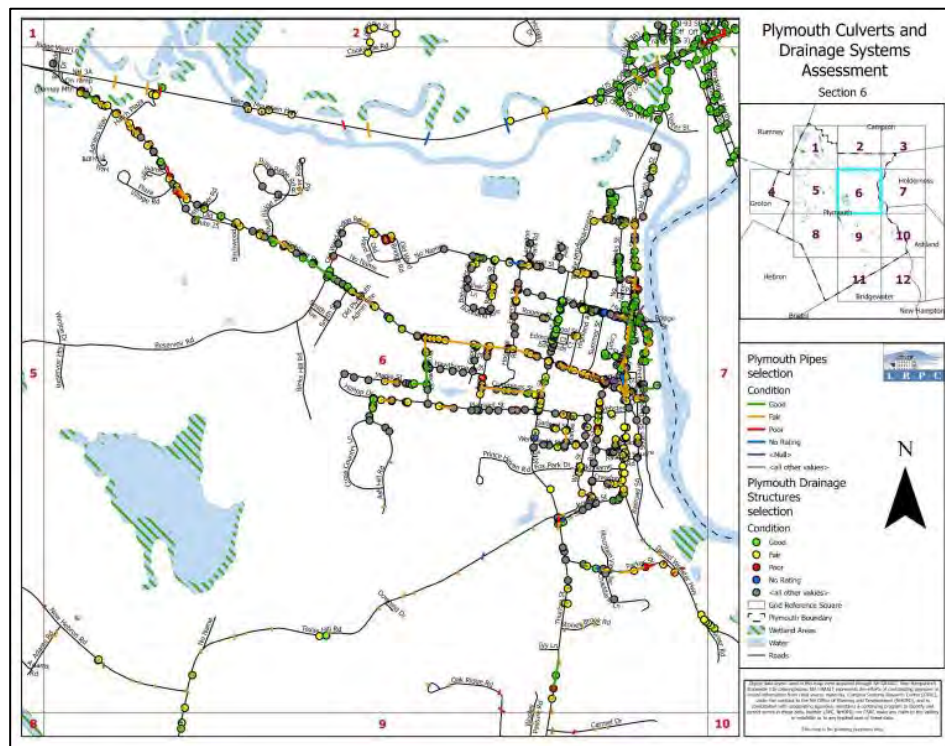


Image of one of the 'map tiles' developed for the Plymouth CCDS report.

## Economic Development

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- **Regional Housing Needs Assessment** – Continued development of RHNA report including completing work on Section V.A. 'Conditions Likely to Impact Future Housing Supply, Housing Affordability, Cost of Developing New Housing' and Section VI.B. 'Opportunities/Barriers: Employment Opportunities/Constraints'. Drafted 'Opportunities/Barriers: Physical Infrastructure' section. Updated section entitled 'Communities of Interest' and Section VI subsections. Participated in full group meeting with contractor regarding Fair Share modeling and outreach materials. Corresponded with colleagues at other RPCs, NH OPD, and contractor regarding data issues and potential impacts.
- **USDA** – Conveyed to vendor clarified options and priorities associated with the FY2024-26 HHW contract.

## Regional

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- Responded in the affirmative to PRLAC Chair's request for a Letter of Support to NH DES for development of an Instream Flow program for the Pemi River. Composed and submitted the Letter of Support to NH DES (and LRPC Commissioners in corridor communities).
- **Pemi Corridor Plan** – Began development of a template for the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan.

## Household Hazardous Waste & Solid Waste

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- Summarized 2022 collections and conveyed them to Tradebe representative. Discussed arrangements with NLR to pick up excess packaging and finalize the invoices. Filed Tradebe manifests.
- 2023 Collections – Summarized anticipated changes for 2023 collections and conveyed them to Tradebe representative. Participated in meeting of statewide RPC HHW coordinators, including NH DES HHW staff (current and new, as grant will shift to different department next year). Discussed contracts & pricing.
- Visited Ashland Transfer Station for a solid waste management (SWM) site tour. Discussed bailing storage, materials bailed, and markets for the materials, as well as scheduling pickups.
- Attended Foam Cycle Working Groups meeting. Met with Gilford DPW to discuss our grant approach for paying for the densifier unit, obtaining letters of support, and soliciting town investments for regionalizing the foam recycling program in Gilford.
- Drafted letter to be sent to towns soliciting investment in the Gilford foam recycling program in order to expand foam collection/recycling to other towns in the Lakes Region. Also drafted correspondence to be forwarded to district rotary club governors asking for letters supporting the expansion of the foam recycling program to be submitted with grant application. (Rotary Club support is currently used in Gilford's Foam Cycle Program).
- Worked on finalizing Quarter 1 reporting for USDA Solid Waste Management Grant for FY22.
- Completed and submitted USDA Solid Waste Management grant application for FY23.
- Scheduled a virtual workshop for January 16, 2022 with NH DES, Tamworth Recycling Program, Sandwich Recycling Program, and Hollis DPW to discuss food diversion composting at transfer stations, the Hollis pilot program, and how to start a pilot program in the Lakes Region.
- Completed pickup of remaining boxes and buckets from the HHW collection events as they were not originally picked up from the event.



Craig Moore  
Ashland Transfer Station  
Bailing Storage Shed



Ashland Transfer Station

- Collaborating to develop promotional solid waste management (SWM) materials, conducted needed SWM research, and created visual data maps to help residents and solid waste operators with solid waste operations (e.g., a map of composting sites in the Lakes Region area, storm water management requirements for transfer stations, procedures for materials coming into transfer stations that should not come to the transfer station, and inventory of transfer stations that bail and do not bail recyclables).

## Transportation

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- Conducted December TAC meeting and provided updates on Ten-Year Plan, Regional Plan, and CMAQ.
- Discussed options for improved communication and visualization of SADES data/results. Created template of new mapping format to effectively display SADES data.
- Discussed several elements, tasks, and equipment for inclusion in upcoming UPWP.
- Assisted Tuftonboro, Holderness and Tamworth with Road Safety Audit application.
- Followed up with Meredith DPW to clarify questions regarding traffic counters seen out on several roads (belong to private contractor).
- Worked on management and formatting of census data.
- Followed up with NH DOT regarding status of LRPC proposal. Federal requirements have changed so that the scope of our proposal will need revision. A meeting will be set up with NH DOT in January.
- Attended NH DOT Interagency consultation with other RPCs.
- Development of additional GIS skills.

## Grant Administration

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- Received approval of three direct grant claims for Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN).
- Received approval for one direct grant claim for Grafton Regional Development Corporation (GRDC)/Coos Economic Development Corporation (CEDC).
- Received payment for one direct grant claim.
- Begin work on four NBRC reports.

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# ACRONYMS

CCDS	Culverts and Closed Drainage Systems
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
DPW	Department of Public Works
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information System
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
NBRC	Northern Border Regional Commission
NH DES	NH Department of Environmental Services
NH DOT	NH Department of Transportation
NH HSEM	NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management
NH OPD	NH Office of Planning & Development
PRLAC	Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Assessment
RPC	Regional Planning Commission
RSMS	Road Surface Management System
SADES	Statewide Asset Data Exchange System
SWM	Solid Waste Management
TA	Town Administrator
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture



# Monthly Executive Report

## Local

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- **Gilmanton.** Provided information on sink holes to Gilmanton resident.
- **Wakefield.** Provided information on Meena gas station proposal to Wakefield resident.
- **Northfield Circuit Rider.** Researched and provided information on processing land use applications after a draft zoning ordinance amendment was approved by the Planning Board, but before being adopted at Town Meeting.
- **Tilton HMP.** Discussed and incorporated adjustments with Town Administrator. Completed FEMA checklist and submitted plan to HSEM for review. Completed and submitted Quarterly Report to HSEM. Participated in HSEM meeting regarding contracts, State HMP, and collaboration.
- **Ossipee.** Corresponded with Planning Board Vice Chair regarding potential updates to Master Plan chapter (Housing).
- **Sanbornton.** Corresponded with Sanbornton Planning Board Assistant regarding wireless towers. The Planning Board will be reviewing their ordinance on this topic and is seeking assistance.
- **New Hampton RSMS.** Began development of contract for updating RSMS.

## Economic Development

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- **Regional Housing Needs Assessment** – Continued development of RHNA report. Reviewed, edited, and finalized draft text, data, graphics, and format. Corresponded with colleagues at other RPCs regarding data issues. Reviewed draft Toolbox materials.
- **USDA** – Discussed USDA solid waste topics and activities, specifically regarding outreach with Solid Waste Planner. Prepared for and met with UVLSRPC colleague to develop article for NHMA Town & City magazine.

## Regional

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- **Pemi Corridor Plan** – Continued work on Pemi River Corridor Management Plan to include adapting a draft plan and adding targeted topics in the Resources section. Corresponded with PRLAC regarding local submissions to the Resources section of plan. Collected, reviewed, and inserted demographics and housing data.
- Discussed the status of current and future HMPs with colleagues as well as reaching out to communities. Correspondence with HSEM, especially regarding contracts.

## Household Hazardous Waste & Solid Waste

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- Addressed Center Harbor resident inquiry regarding disposal options (cleaning grandmother's house).

### HHW COLLECTIONS

- 2022 Collections - Followed up with NH DES regarding the status of the reimbursement for the 2022 HHW Collections submitted in November.
- 2023 Collections – Began planning for site changes intended for the 2023 collections. Compiled and submitted application to conduct 2023 collections and receive reimbursement.

### STYROFOAM PROGRAM

- Met with Gilford DPW to discuss the grant application for the upcoming NBRC grant. This grant would help pay for Gilford's foam densifier unit and pay for starting expenses to regionalize the program to other communities.
- Researched NBRC grant application requirements and worked on a draft for the first letter of interest for the grant application. Reviewed budget list for Gilford Foam program and developed a budget for the NBRC grant application.

### RECYCLE/REUSE

- Worked on new project called "Granite Upcycle" and composed posts for a LRPC website update.
- Researched multiple municipal solid waste (MSW) and recycle issues and options on how to reduce or reuse them.
- Composed four outreach posts with links and tutorials to reduce these items from waste stream and assist municipalities reducing their MSW.
- Conducted research on processed glass aggregate and how it reduces MSW weight, saves money on shipping/disposal, and its use as road fill.
- Researched glass crusher companies to request quotes on crushers for municipalities.
- Researched Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) and conducted outreach to request more information on programs.



### COMPOSTING

- Conducted round table via Zoom for solid waste operators and interested recycling groups (topic: food waste diversion and composting). This round table reviewed the starting points of a food waste composting program. We invited guest speaker Joan Cudworth from Hollis to speak about the Hollis food composting pilot program. A link for this recorded meeting will be posted to the LRPC website soon for further operator assistance.
- Continued work on composting project for spring. Scheduled meeting with PSU professor to discuss a composting project for the college.
- Compiled list of all municipal composting sites in the Lakes Region and created a map of those that compost and what material they accept.
- Designed outreach poster with map information on composting and providing alternative options in the area to send compost.



## **Transportation**

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- Consulted with Transportation Technician on development of SADES data formatting and visualization.
- Prepared presentation of 2022 traffic count results for February TAC meeting.
- Created and submitted a 5305(e) funding grant to develop Mid-State RCC's Coordinated Transit & Human Services Plan in conjunction with CNHRPC.
- Followed correspondence regarding 5310 funding for RCC operations.
- Reviewed draft UPWP, clarifying GIS needs and expectations.
- Gathered and compiled counts, both current and historic, especially along the I-93 corridor.
- Worked on coordination of meeting with NH DOT to discuss potential HSIP project.
- Met with Moultonborough Selectmen to discuss adjustments to the ten year plan.
- Attended and presented at a bike/trails roundtable to coordinate potential projects and funding options.
- Met with Bristol Selectmen to discuss ten year plan project lack of funding and possible change of scope.
- Assisted Holderness and Tuftonboro submit RSA applications.
- Assisted Meredith in developing cost estimates and submitting a project application for CMAQ funding.

## **Grant Administration**

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- LRPC Administrative Claim #2 submitted/approved for reimbursement for each of the four Microenterprise Technical Assistance Programs awards (BEDC-WEDCO; GRDC-CEDC; NCIC and WREN).
- Quarterly Microenterprise Technical Assistance reimbursement requests submitted and approved for the four Microenterprise Technical Assistance Programs (BEDC-WEDCO; GRDC-CEDC; NCIC and WREN).
- Semi-Annual Reports submitted/approved for the four Microenterprise Technical Assistance Programs (BEDC-WEDCO; GRDC-CEDC; NCIC and WREN).
- Direct Grant & Down Payment Grant for Coos Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) Microenterprise Technical Assistance Programs CEDC started/submitted to CDFA & Co & back to CDFA when signed off on.
- Budget revision request from GRDC for their Micro Technical Assistance award.
- All quarterly narrative reports submitted for the four NBRC awards (Hebron-Fiber, Sandwich-Fiber, Belmont-Gale School, Laconia-WOW Trail).



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# ACRONYMS

BEDC-WEDCO	Belknap Economic Development Council-Wentworth Economic Development Council
CDFA	Community Development Finance Authority
CNHRPC	Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
DPW	Department of Public Works
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
GCRD-CEDC	Grafton County Regional Development-Coos Economic Development Corp.
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
HMP	Hazard Mitigation Plan
HSEM	Homeland Security and Emergency Management
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
LRPC	Lakes Region Planning Commission
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
NBRC	Northern Border Regional Commission
NCIC	Northern Community Investment Corporation
NHDES	NH Department of Environmental Services
NHDOT	NH Department of Transportation
NHMA	New Hampshire Municipal Association
NRRA	Northeast Resource Recovery Association
PRLAC	Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
PSU	Plymouth State University
RCC	Regional Coordinating Council
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Assessment
RPC	Regional Planning Commission
RSA	Road Safety Audit
RSMS	Road Surface Management System
SADES	Statewide Asset Data Exchange System
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
UVLSRPC	Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
WREN	Women's Rural Enterprise Network



# Monthly Executive Report

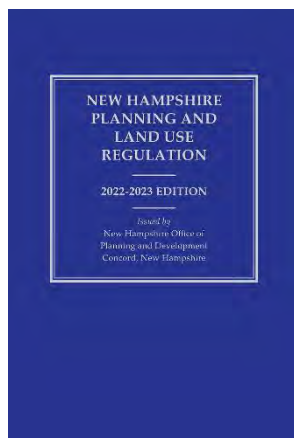
## Local

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- **Bridgewater.** Addressed an inquiry from a resident regarding 2023 HHW collection dates and sites.
  - ◉ **HMP.** Planned steps for update, incorporating new FEMA Checklist Elements. Met with Bridgewater Selectman and HSEM Field Representative regarding status, requirements, local protections and hazards, necessary steps, and the completion of those steps.
- **Gilmanton.** Addressed an inquiry from a resident regarding disposal of antifreeze.
- **Meredith.** Provided a copy of the 2015 Lakes Region Plan (Housing chapter) to Town Planner for use in support of their NH housing grant program application.
- **Moultonborough.** Land Use Planner attended an orientation session with Town Officials. Reviewed and wrote memos on two ZBA applications. Determined conflict of interest on Bean Road condominium application. Corresponded on NHEC project proposal concerning site plan review. Reviewed plans and attended Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting on two site plan applications. Responded to inquiry regarding use of short term rental property as a wedding venue in the off-season.
- **New Hampton.** Development of contract for update of New Hampton RSMS.
- **Ossipee.** Provided sample budget information to Planning Board Vice Chair for a NH housing grant program application in order to update their Master Plan - especially the Housing chapter.
- **Tilton HMP.** Followed up on plan status and reported to Tilton Town Administrator. Based on HSEM feedback, gathered supplementary information and adjusted plan. Resubmitted plan which is to be forwarded to FEMA for APA review.
- **Tuftonboro.** Updated 2018 RSMS map to include completed work.
- **Wolfeboro.** Researched and compiled information regarding online surveys for Wolfeboro Heritage Commission concerning their need to gage community support for reuse of a former power plant building as a community center.

## Regional

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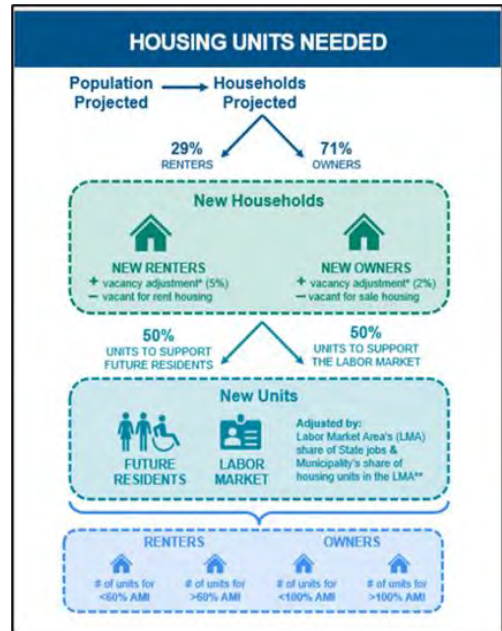
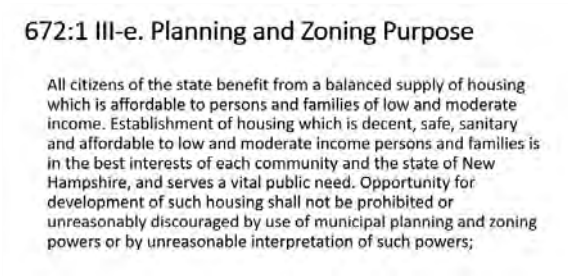


- **Planning & Land Use Regulation books.** All books have been delivered.
- **Pemi Corridor Plan** – Adapted draft Resources chapter of Pemi River Corridor Management Plan. Discussed draft with PRLAC representatives. Corresponded with PRLAC regarding project status - timeline and budget. Gathered information and developed representative worksheet for Rules section of scope.

## Economic Development

### Regional Housing Needs Assessment

- The finalized draft RHNA Report was posted to LRPC’s website. Participated in toolbox meeting. Toolbox is available at <http://nhhousingtoolbox.org/resource-archive/nh-housing-toolbox-draft-20230210.pdf>.
- Prepared PowerPoint slides on Workforce Housing Laws for presentation at LRPC Commissioners March meeting.



## Household Hazardous Waste

- 2022 Collections – Additional follow up with NH DES on the status of the 2022 HHW Collections reimbursement is now being coordinated with our Finance Administrator. Confirmed that payment can and has been sent to Tradebe for the 2022 Collections.
- 2023 Collections – A Tradebe proposal for the 2024-26 collections is expected in early March. Addressed an inquiry from a Gilmanston resident regarding disposal of antifreeze and a Bridgewater resident regarding 2023 collection dates and sites. Received HHW Letters of Commitment from eight communities thus far - nearly \$33K committed. Updated the LRPC contacts database to accurately reflect local points of contact and reached out to communities where errors were identified.

## Solid Waste

- Researched landfill gas management and requirements in New Hampshire.
- Met with DES to discuss current NH landfill monitoring requirements, testing needs in NH, gas-to-energy implementation, and thermal capabilities of small capped landfills.
- A transfer station site visit was conducted at the Tamworth Recycling Center. Discussions included recycling markets, current operations at the facility, compost management, future training opportunities, and Gilford’s foam recycling program.
- Attended meeting with Northeast Resource Recovery Assn. Representative.



## **STYROFOAM PROGRAM**

- Work on gathering letters from various towns and rotary clubs in the Lakes Region to support Gilford's Foam Recycling grant application and to join the foam recycling program.
- Prepared a sources and uses budget, and composed a short narrative for Gilford's foam recycling program and grant application.
- Attended a foam recycling coalition Zoom meeting to discuss regionalizing foam recycling.

## **RECYCLE/REUSE**

- Continued work on "Granite Upcycle" writeups for a weekly posting element on LRPC's solid waste management page designed to interest residents and solid waste operators, and teach these groups on options for upcycling materials.
- Continued work on gathering material for second 2023 technical assistance round table for solid waste operators. Topics may include municipal reuse strategies.

## **COMPOSTING**

- Continued work with Plymouth State University regarding a food waste diversion site for the composting project, including researching the application process for a permit-by-notification to set up a composting site.

## **Transportation**

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### **Meetings**

- Hosted February TAC meeting.
- Attended Wolfeboro Public Involvement meeting (project # 29615).
- Met with Executive Councilor Warmington to discuss Ten-Year Plan projects/process.
- Met with Representative McConkey to discuss potential pedestrian project in Tamworth.
- Attended TAP webinar hosted by Rails to Trails.
  
- Disseminated Transportation Newsletter.
  
- Traffic Counting - Prepared an equipment/materials assessment and order for the Summer 2023 traffic counting season, including feedback from technicians. Corresponded with JAMAR regarding discounted pricing on counters.
  
- SADES/RSMS – Accomplished mapping and parameters of an RSMS update for Tuftonboro & New Hampton.
  
- HSIP-Safety/Traffic Counting - Met with NH DOT to discuss potential HSIP-Safety/Traffic Counting project. Proposal to pilot a program of traffic counting/modelling on all public roads is still under consideration by NH DOT HSIP Committee. This would greatly expand our effort both in the field along with GIS modelling and data management.
  
- Received approval for update to Mid-State RCC Coordinated Transit & Human Service Transportation Plan in conjunction with CNHRPC (Total project \$60,428). The plan is required to be updated every five years in order for the RCC to be eligible to receive federal funding (last updated in 2019).

### **Grant Administration**

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- Began work on new Microenterprise Technical Assistance award for 2023 – 2024. Attended public hearing regarding same.
- Attended mid-grant hearing for current Microenterprise Technical Assistance award (2022 – 2023).
- Processed two direct grant requests from Grafton Regional Development Corp.

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# ACRONYMS

APA	American Planning Association
CNHRPC	Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
HMP	Hazard Mitigation Plan
HSEM	Homeland Security and Emergency Management
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
LRPC	Lakes Region Planning Commission
NHDES	NH Department of Environmental Services
NHDOT	NH Department of Transportation
NHEC	NH Electric Co-Op
PRLAC	Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
RCC	Regional Coordinating Council
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Assessment
RSMS	Road Surface Management System
SADES	Statewide Asset Data Exchange System
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustments

# *Attachment 3*

(DRAFT) LAKES REGION HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Fair Share Table for Lakes Region Municipalities: 2030 & 2040

Town	2030 New Units Total	Owners 2030	Below 100 % AMI	Above 100 % AMI	Renters 2030	Below 60 % AMI	Above 60 % AMI	2040 New Units Total	Owners 2040	Below 100 % AMI	Above 100 % AMI	Renters 2040	Below 60 % AMI	Above 60 % AMI
Alexandria town	69	46	24	22	23	9	14	102	66	35	32	35	14	21
Alton town	219	149	52	97	70	31	39	317	213	75	139	104	45	59
Andover town	80	54	25	29	26	11	15	118	78	36	42	40	16	23
Ashland town	84	56	31	26	28	10	18	124	81	44	37	43	16	27
Barnstead town	164	112	53	59	52	14	38	236	159	75	84	77	20	57
Belmont town	244	166	83	83	77	28	49	352	237	118	119	115	41	74
Bridgewater town	54	36	17	19	18	5	13	80	52	25	27	27	8	19
Bristol town	147	98	50	48	49	20	29	217	142	72	70	75	31	44
Center Harbor town	43	29	11	18	14	1	12	63	42	16	26	21	2	19
Danbury town	43	29	15	14	14	5	9	64	42	22	20	22	8	13
Effingham town	62	42	19	23	20	8	11	82	55	24	31	27	11	16
Franklin city	342	230	126	104	112	32	80	505	334	183	151	171	49	122
Freedom town	98	66	38	29	32	12	19	136	90	51	39	45	16	29
Gilford town	389	264	98	166	125	33	92	565	378	140	238	187	48	138
Gilmanton town	135	92	38	54	43	18	24	195	131	54	77	64	27	37
Hebron town	32	21	10	12	11	2	8	47	31	14	17	16	4	13
Hill town	41	28	13	15	13	5	9	61	40	18	22	21	7	14
Holderness town	88	59	27	32	29	7	22	129	85	38	46	45	11	34
Laconia city	812	552	235	317	260	84	177	1,180	790	336	454	390	123	267
Meredith town	274	186	89	98	87	40	48	397	266	127	140	130	58	72
Moultonborough town	233	158	74	84	75	13	62	319	212	99	114	106	17	90
New Hampton town	86	59	30	29	27	11	16	125	84	43	41	41	17	24
Northfield town	181	122	60	62	59	23	36	268	177	88	89	90	35	56
Ossipee town	169	115	70	45	54	31	23	226	151	90	61	75	40	35
Plymouth town	227	151	78	74	76	36	40	334	218	112	106	116	55	61
Sanbornton town	145	98	44	55	46	11	35	210	141	63	78	69	16	53
Sandwich town	66	45	19	25	21	3	18	89	60	26	33	30	4	26
Tamworth town	122	83	46	36	39	15	24	165	110	62	48	55	20	35
Tilton town	178	121	68	53	57	18	39	258	173	97	76	85	26	59
Tuftonboro town	109	74	37	38	35	7	28	148	99	48	51	49	9	40
Wolfeboro town	248	169	80	89	79	26	53	333	222	104	119	111	35	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,183</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>7,444</b>	<b>4,962</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>1,653</b>

# *Attachment 4*



8.3 Nomination of Executive Board

A Nominating Committee of up to five (5) Commissioners shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Commission at least one hundred eighty (180) days in advance of the Annual Commission meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consider the interest, ability, and residency of Commissioner members in serving as members of the Executive Board. This information shall be used in preparing a ballot to be submitted to the Commission. The Nominating Committee may nominate one or more candidates for each office.

8.4 Election of Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be elected by the affirmative written ballots of a majority of the Commissioners voting at the Annual Meeting every two (2) years. The results of the ballots shall be totaled and announced at that meeting. Commissioners are privileged to vote for any qualified person, whether or not he be nominated by the Nominating Committee. In case no candidate for a particular office shall receive a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be cast between the two candidates with the most votes. Then, in the event of a tie, the office will be determined by lot.

8.5 Terms of Office

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected for terms of two (2) years. The terms of office of Executive Board Members shall begin immediately after the Annual Meeting of each year at which they are declared elected and shall end immediately after the end of the Annual Meeting of each year at the end of their term; but officers shall hold office until their successors have been elected and assume the duties of the office.

8.6 Vacancies

The Executive Board may temporarily fill vacancies in office occurring between annual elections, Executive Board Members so elected to hold office only for the balance of the current year or until their successors are elected and assume the duties of the office.

8.7 Duties of Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the carrying out of the Annual Work Program within the Budget as approved by the Commission.

For this purpose, the Executive Board is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the Work Program, including but not limited to, approving and signing of contracts in the name of the Commission and publicizing the position of the Commission on matters of concern to local and Regional Planning issues.

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8.5 Term of Office

In accordance with RSA 36:48, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected annually. The term of office for Executive Board Members shall begin immediately after the Annual Meeting at which they are declared elected and shall end immediately after the end of the Annual Meeting of the following year; but officers shall hold office until their successors have been elected and assume the duties of the office.

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# *Attachment 5*



## NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE REQUESTS (LSR)

### SB 47 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0984

10/05

#### SENATE BILL **47**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study barriers to increased density of residential development in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15;  
Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 10; Rep. Preece, Hills. 17; Rep. Read, Rock. 10

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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#### ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study barriers to increased density of residential development in New Hampshire.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.  
23-0984  
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#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT establishing a commission to study barriers to increased density of residential development in New Hampshire.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 New Section; Office of Planning and Development; Commission to Study Barriers to Increased Density of Residential Development in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 12-O by inserting after section 58 the following new section:

12-O:58-a Commission to Study Barriers to Increased Density of Residential Development in New Hampshire.

I. There is established a commission to study barriers to increased density of residential development in New Hampshire. The membership of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) Four members of the senate, 2 of whom shall serve on the election law and municipal affairs committee and 2 of whom shall serve on the energy and natural resources committee, appointed by the senate president.
- (b) Four members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall serve on the municipal and county government committee and 2 of whom shall serve on the environment and agriculture committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.
- (d) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.
- (e) The executive director of the New Hampshire housing finance authority, or designee.
- (f) One representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the association.
- (g) One person to represent builder, realtor, and business interests, chosen jointly by the New Hampshire Home Builders Association, the New Hampshire Association of Realtors, and the New Hampshire Business and Industry Association.
- (h) One person to represent planning interests, chosen jointly by the New Hampshire Planners Association and the New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions.

(i) One person to represent conservation interests, chosen jointly by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Nature Conservancy, and the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions.

II. The commission shall study issues related to the density of residential development in New Hampshire. The commission's duties shall include revisiting the actions of the commission established in 2019, RSA 300:1, and shall specifically include but not be limited to:

(a) Determining minimum standards of residential development density for different housing types by considering the availability of public water and sewer infrastructure or other appropriate alternatives and account for variability of environmental conditions.

(b) Considering possible property tax incentives to promote residential density development, particularly workforce housing.

(c) Exploring possible methods of enforcement of the shared community responsibility of workforce housing under RSA 674:58-61.

(d) Studying the impacts of development, specifically impacts on school enrollment and property values.

(e) Examining potential model ordinances to support municipalities in their planning work.

(f) Examining build out potential of existing residential properties, including single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, and other existing property types, based on the existence of water/sewer infrastructure or lack thereof.

(g) Examining department of environmental services requirements for individual sewage disposal systems contained in New Hampshire code of administrative rules chapter Env-Wq 1000 relative to overall load limit requirements, subdivision lot size requirements, flexibility for shared systems and innovative/alternative technologies, and consideration for implementation of septic systems on large tracts of land, which but for department of environmental services regulations do not require subdivision.

(h) Recommending any proposed legislation resulting from the work of the commission.

III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson and clerk from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

V. The commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2023 and shall submit a final report on or before November 1, 2024.

2 Repeal. RSA 12-O:58-a, relative to the commission to study increased density of residential development in New Hampshire, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2024.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

# *Attachment 6*

**M E M B E R**



Lakes Region Planning Commission

**M E M B E R**



Lakes Region Planning Commission

*Member*



Lakes Region Planning Commission

# *Attachment 7*



# Appointment Procedure

## Commissioner Appointments

The Lakes Region Planning Commission consists of voluntary representatives nominated by the Planning Boards and appointed by the Selectboards/City Councils of each member municipality as governed under RSA 36:46-III (see NH RSA 36 at [Appendix A](#)). Member communities are each entitled to 2 representatives (3 for populations over 10,000) plus an alternate.

The Selectboard/City Council notifies LRPC of the appointment. The notification letter must include the following for each appointed commissioner: date of appointment, name, address, phone number, email address, and whether the newly appointed commissioner will serve a new term or fill the balance of a vacant, unexpired term. All appointed Commissioners are required to sign a Commitment to Serve document ([Appendix J](#)) and a Conflict of Interest ([Appendix K](#)) document at time of appointment. The Conflict of Interest document shall be updated annually. See By-Laws for information regarding duties and responsibilities ([Appendix F](#)) of Commissioners.

When a representative resigns, the Commission must be notified in writing.

### Alternates

Each member may appoint Alternate Commissioners who may act and vote as Commissioners in the absence of the Commissioners from their own municipality.

### Terms

Commissioners serve 4-year terms, but initial appointments are staggered terms of 2 and 4 years (2, 3 and 4 years for municipalities that are entitled to 3 or more representatives).

### Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled for the **remainder of the unexpired term** in the same manner as original appointments.

## Executive Board Appointments

The Executive Board typically consists of 12 members who are also appointed Commissioners. The Executive Board is made up of 4 officers which include a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer as well as 4 Area Commissioners, and up to 4 At Large Commissioners. The Area Commissioners shall each reside within and represent one of the four geographic areas in the LRPC region (see [Map of LRPC Sub-Areas](#)). The At Large Commissioners shall also reside within and represent one of the four geographic areas in the LRPC region to the extent possible. Executive Board members are nominated by the Nominating Committee and are placed on a written ballot submitted to the Commission. The election of Executive Board members is conducted at the annual meeting every 2 years (biennially); however, the election of officers is conducted at the annual meeting every year (annually). All Executive Board members are required to sign a secondary Commitment to Serve document ([Appendix J](#)) and a Conflict of Interest ([Appendix K](#)) document designed specifically for this position at time of election. The Conflict of Interest document shall be updated annually. See By-Laws for information regarding duties and responsibilities ([Appendix F](#)) of Executive Board members.

## TAC Appointments

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a standing committee of the Commission and is purely advisory. Each dues-paying member may appoint one representative to the TAC and are encouraged to designate an alternate. Appointing authority is the Board of Selectmen/City Council. TAC terms are for two years. (See [TAC Standing Rules and Procedures](#) for details.)



## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

### COMMITMENT TO SERVE FOR COMMISSIONERS

Recognizing the important responsibility I am undertaking in serving as a Commissioner of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, I hereby personally pledge to carry out, in a trustworthy and diligent manner, all the duties and obligations inherent in my role as a Commissioner.

#### MY ROLE

I acknowledge that my primary role as a Commissioner is (1) to contribute to the defining of the Lakes Region Planning Commission mission and governing the fulfillment of that mission, and (2) to carry out the functions of Commissioner described in the “Your Job as a Commissioner” Section of the Commissioner Handbook and in Section 7.2 of the By-Laws.

My role as a Commissioner will focus on the development of broad policies that govern the implementation of institutional plans and purposes. This role is separate and distinct from the role of the Executive Director to who is delegated the determining of the means of implementation.

#### MY COMMITMENT

I will exercise, to the best of my ability, the duties and responsibilities of this role with integrity, collegiality and due care.

#### I COMMIT

1. To establish as a high priority my attendance at all meetings of the Commissioners, committees, and task forces on which I serve.
2. To come prepared to contribute to the discussion of issues and business to be addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all background support material relevant to the meeting.
3. To work with and respect the opinions of my peers who also serve as Commissioners, and to leave my personal prejudices out of all commission discussions.
4. To always act for the good of this organization.
5. To represent the LRPC in a positive and supportive manner at all times and in all places.
6. To display courteous conduct in all Commissioner, committee, and task force meetings, and to adhere to recognized meeting procedures.

7. To refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of management, except to monitor the results and prohibit methods not in congruity with LRPC policy.
8. To avoid conflicts of interest between my position as a Commissioner and my personal life. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the Commission and refrain from voting on matters in which I have a conflict.
9. To support in a positive manner all actions taken by vote by the Commission.
10. If I chair a committee or a task force, I will:
  - a. Call meetings as necessary until objectives are met.
  - b. Ensure that the agenda and support materials are mailed to all members in advance of the meetings.
  - c. Conduct the meetings in an orderly, fair, open, and efficient manner.
  - d. Make committee and task force progress reports/minutes to the Board of Directors at its scheduled meetings, using the adopted format.
11. To participate in retreats, workshops, seminars, and other educational events that enhance my skills as a Commissioner.
12. To report the activities of the LRPC to my local Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on a regular basis.

If for any reason, I find myself unable to carry out the above duties as best as I can, I agree to resign my position as Commissioner.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR COMMISSIONERS

The following shall govern the conduct of Commissioners of the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC).

### **I. Declaration of Policy**

It is the policy of the LRPC that no Commissioner shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, engage in any business transaction or professional activity, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties. To implement this policy and to enhance the faith and confidence of the people of the region in their planning commission, this policy sets forth standards of conduct required of LRPC Commissioners in the performance of their official duties.

It is declared to be the policy of the LRPC that Commissioner are bound to perform their duties efficiently and faithfully under the laws of the state of New Hampshire. Commissioners are bound to observe the highest standards of ethics consistent with this policy regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that promoting the public interest and maintaining the respect of the people in their local municipalities must be of foremost concern.

### **II. Definition**

“Conflict of Interest” shall mean a situation, circumstance, or financial interest which has the potential to cause a private interest to interfere with the proper exercise of a public duty.

### **III. Conflict of Interest**

Commissioners shall avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest. Commissioners shall not participate in any matter in which they, or their spouse or dependents, have a private interest which may directly or indirectly affect or influence the performance of their duties.

### **IV. Misuse of Position**

No Commissioner shall disclose or use confidential or privileged information for personal benefit or for financial gain. Commissioners shall not use their positions with the LRPC to secure privileges or advantages for themselves which are not generally available to the public, or to secure privileges or advantages for others.

### **V. Acceptance and Giving of Gifts**

No Commissioner or their spouse or dependents shall give, solicit, accept or agree to accept a gift or favors from any person or entity who is subject to or likely to become subject to or

interested in, any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the Commission or by the LRPC as a whole.

**VI. Financial Disclosure**

To ensure that the performance of official duties does not give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, Commissioners shall file an annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure, listing financial and organizational interests which might cause a conflict of interest.

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**ANNUAL FORM DISTRIBUTED TO:**

Commissioner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **COMMITMENT TO SERVE FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

Recognizing the important responsibility I am undertaking in serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, I hereby personally pledge to carry out, in a trustworthy and diligent manner, all the duties and obligations inherent in my role as a Board Member.

#### MY ROLE

I acknowledge that my primary role as a Board Member is (1) to contribute to the defining of the Lakes Region Planning Commission mission and governing the fulfillment of that mission, and (2) to carry out the functions of the office of Board Member and/or Officer as described in Section 8.7 of the By-Laws.

My role as a Board Member will focus on the development of broad policies that govern the implementation of institutional plans and purposes. This role is separate and distinct from the role of the Executive Director to who is delegated the determining of the means of implementation.

#### MY COMMITMENT

I will exercise, to the best of my ability, the duties and responsibilities of this office with integrity, collegiality and due care.

#### I COMMIT

1. To establish as a high priority my attendance at all meetings of the board, committees, and task forces on which I serve.
2. To come prepared to contribute to the discussion of issues and business to be addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all background support material relevant to the meeting.
3. To work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve this Board and to leave my personal prejudices out of all board discussions.
4. To always act for the good of this organization.
5. To represent the LRPC in a positive and supportive manner at all times and in all places.
6. To display courteous conduct in all board, committee and task force meetings and to adhere to recognized meeting procedures.

7. To refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of management, except to monitor the results and prohibit methods not in congruity with Board policy.
8. To avoid conflicts of interest between my position as a Board Member and my personal life. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the Board and refrain from voting on matters in which I have a conflict.
9. To support in a positive manner all actions taken by vote by the Board of Directors.
10. If I chair the Board, a committee, or a task force I will:
  - a. Call meetings as necessary until objectives are met;
  - b. Insure that the agenda and support materials are mailed to all members in advance of the meetings;
  - c. Conduct the meetings in an orderly, fair, open and efficient manner; and
  - d. Make committee and task force progress reports/minutes to the Board of Directors at its scheduled meetings, using the adopted format.
11. To participate in retreats, workshops, seminars, and other educational events that enhance my skills as a Board Member.
12. To report the activities of the LRPC to my local Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on a regular basis.

If for any reason, I find myself unable to carry out the above duties as best as I can, I agree to resign my position as Board Member/Officer.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The following shall govern the conduct of members of the Executive Board of the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC).

### **I. Declaration of Policy**

It is the policy of the LRPC that no Executive Board member shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, engage in any business transaction or professional activity, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties. To implement this policy and to enhance the faith and confidence of the people of the region in their planning commission, this policy sets forth standards of conduct required of LRPC Executive Board members in the performance of their official duties.

It is declared to be the policy of the LRPC that Executive Board members are bound to perform their duties efficiently and faithfully under the laws of the state of New Hampshire. Executive Board members are bound to observe the highest standards of ethics consistent with this policy regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that promoting the public interest and maintaining the respect of the people in their local municipalities must be of foremost concern.

### **II. Definition**

“Conflict of Interest” shall mean a situation, circumstance, or financial interest which has the potential to cause a private interest to interfere with the proper exercise of a public duty.

### **III. Conflict of Interest**

Executive Board members shall avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest. Executive Board members shall not participate in any matter in which they, or their spouse or dependents, have a private interest which may directly or indirectly affect or influence the performance of their duties.

### **IV. Misuse of Position**

No Executive Board member shall disclose or use confidential or privileged information for personal benefit or for financial gain. Directors shall not use their positions with the LRPC to secure privileges or advantages for themselves, which are not generally available to the public, or to secure privileges or advantages for others.

### **V. Acceptance and Giving of Gifts**

No Executive Board member or their spouse or dependents, shall give, solicit, accept or agree to accept a gift or favors from any person or entity who is subject to or likely to



become subject to or interested in, any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the Executive Board member or by the LRPC.

**VI. Financial Disclosure**

To ensure that the performance of official duties does not give rise to a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, Executive Board members shall file an annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure, listing financial and organizational interests which might cause a conflict of interest.

Financial and organizational interests which might cause a conflict of interest.

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**ANNUAL FORM DISTRIBUTED TO:**

Board Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# *Attachment 8*



*THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE*  
*DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION*



**William Cass, P.E.**  
**Commissioner**

**David Rodrigue, Assistant Commissioner**  
**Andre Briere, Deputy Commissioner**

Jeffrey Hayes, Executive Director  
Lakes Region Planning Commission  
103 Main St., Suite #3  
Meredith, NH 03253

February 22, 2023

Dear Mr. Hayes –

Thanks again for your assistance, as well as for the assistance of your regional planning commission staff, RPC committee members and municipal staff for your efforts to assist NHDOT in developing the draft 2025-2034 NH Ten Year Transportation Plan.

As you know, the NHDOT proposed to set-aside \$60M in FHWA funding to program against new projects in years 2033 and 2034 of the draft 2025-2034 Ten Year Transportation plan. The NHDOT with agreement from the RPC Executive Directors utilized a similar distribution approach to that employed in existing multi-party MOUs, that being:

- 50% of the available funds allocated based on Census population
- 50% of the funding allocated based on Federal Aid Eligible Lane miles

For the Lakes Region Planning Commission's planning area, this resulted in a regional allocation of **\$6,190,653** for the 2025-2034 Ten Year Plan.

Since the LRPC submitted a list of potential projects and initial priority ranking based on the application of the 2023- 2032 NH Ten Year Plan Ranking criteria in October, the NHDOT's internal committee has been meeting to discuss the submittals and consider implementation issues including:

- The assumptions related to work required to carry out the project scope.
- The estimated costs for Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (ROW) and Construction (CON).
- Estimated schedule to carry out the work to accomplish the proposed project and plan financially

The NHDOT's internal committee is made up of the following individuals:

- Bill Oldenburg, Chair – Assistant Director of Project Development
- Pete Stamnas, Director of Project Development
- Jim Marshall, Administrator of Bureau of Highway Design
- Ted Kitsis, Administrator of Bureau of Construction
- Loretta Girard Doughty, Administrator of Bureau of Bridge Design
- Tobey Reynolds, Chief Project Manager

- Margarete Baldwin, Roadway Section Chief
- Kevin Nyhan, Administrator of Bureau of Environment
- Nicholas Alexander, Administrator of AMPs
- William Rose, Policy & Planning Manager

The committee has been meeting weekly since November to review and discuss the project submittals from the RPCs.

The details provided by LRPC in the project submittal forms have been assistive to the Committee's understanding of the project area, needs and other necessary items to appropriately inform the NHDOT comments regarding the scopes, schedules, and budgets for the proposed TYP projects.

What follows in this document is:

- A summary overview of the committee's findings related to your RPC's proposed 2025-2034 TYP projects.
- NHDOT thoughts on programming for Year-of-Expenditure (YoE), which will include inflation and indirect costs as appropriate.

We're providing these comments in advance of our planned meeting to enable a discussion as opposed to a NHDOT presentation. We want LRPC staff to feel comfortable and confident in presenting the proposed project details to your TAC and full Commission for final endorsement to include in the draft Ten Year Transportation Plan that will be presented to GACIT later this year.

Please review the document in full, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet and discuss these projects. As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 603.271.6581, or via email at [William.A.Rose@dot.nh.gov](mailto:William.A.Rose@dot.nh.gov).

Sincerely,

*William Rose*

William Rose  
Policy & Planning Manager  
NHDOT Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance

Cc: Sean Chamberlain, LRPC  
Bill Watson, NHDOT  
Glenn Davison, NHDOT  
Pete Stamnas, NHDOT  
Bill Oldenburg, NHDOT  
Nancy Spaulding, NHDOT D-3

**NHDOT PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS PROPOSED BY  
LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION  
FOR THE 2025-2034 NH TEN YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**Initial Priority #1: Intersection improvements at 4 intersections with NH 25 (Meredith)**

**Project summary:** This proposal allocates additional funding for the Meredith 43533 project involving improvements to 4 intersections of local roads with NH 25. These intersections were previously commented on in detail as part of the 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan comments.

**Review Comments**

All prior comments related to the 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan remain valid. The focus of this allocation is to address the underfunded concerns raised previously.

**Review Summary**

- The project is recommended to remain as currently programmed in the 2023-20332 TYP with PE in 2027, with ROW planned in 2030 and CON beginning in 2032
- The proposed project would add an additional \$2,981,808 (delta between 2023-2032 value and the increased 2025-2034 TYP value that considers 3.7%/yr. inflation and 10% for NHDOT indirect costs) of the regional allocation for the 2025-2034 Ten Year Transportation Plan.
- The proposed increase to this project would utilize **\$2,981,808** of the LRPC's 2025-2034 TYP allocation.
- The project will continue to be 100% federal funds with Turnpike Toll Credit Match.

The table below provides the cost estimate details from NHDOT's project review efforts related to the **2023-2032** Ten Year Plan:

Phase	2022 LRPC Estimate	2022 NHDOT Estimate	YoE
PE	\$	\$620,000	\$804,902
ROW	\$	\$160,000	\$219,512
CON	\$	\$3,600,000	\$ 5,219,469
CE		\$400,000	\$579,941
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$4,780,000</b>	<b>\$6,823,824</b>

Based on the additional funding requested for this project, the new amounts for the TYP – adding the additional \$2M for CON – would appear as follows (including the new inflation rate of 3.7%):

Phase	2022 LRPC Estimate	2022 NHDOT Estimate	YoE
PE	\$	\$620,000	\$760,538
ROW	\$	\$160,000	\$218,889
CON	\$	\$5,600,000	\$ 8,237,791
CE		\$400,000	\$588,414
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$4,780,000</b>	<b>\$9,805,632</b>

**Initial Priority #2: North Main St. multimodal safety improvements (Plymouth)**

**Project summary:** The purpose of this project is to improve sight distance and provide pedestrian access by correcting poor road alignment (both vertical and horizontal) and a lack of pedestrian infrastructure on Main Street (US-3) north of Tobey Road to Fairgrounds Road.

**Review Comments**

- The NHDOT reviewers commented that for the portion of the project from Tobey Road to River Bridge, the plans appear to consider full depth reconstruction with vertical and horizontal alignment adjustments. However, the plan presented is confusing as to what is proposed and alignment vertical adjustments don't appear correct.
- The NHDOT reviewers noted that the portion of the project from the river bridge to Fairground Road, the project appears to be solely focused on sidewalk construction only.
- Reviewers note that while the project passes over it, there is no mention of work to the truss bridge over the Baker River.
- The proposed project goes by and involves work at the termini of the US3/NH25 interchange ramps, but no mention of any work to these ramps is proposed (except sidewalks/crosswalks).
- The conceptual plans show adding a sidewalk to the west side of US 3 bridge over NH25. However – there does not appear to be a connecting sidewalk currently.
- Reviewers questioned whether the proposal involves reallocating existing shoulder width or adding the sidewalk to the bridge.
- Reviewers noted that there is an existing sidewalk on the west side of the US 3 bridge but no sidewalks leading up to the bridge on either end.
- Reviewers noted that if the proposal involves use of the existing shoulder, then additional design efforts involving joint work, structural analysis, loading, etc. would be necessary.
- Reviewers questioned whether there were any proposed impacts to the Railroad as it appears that moving the road and adjusting the profile towards the railroad will cause impacts to the railroad property.
- If sidewalks will be constructed, the Town will need to execute a Municipal Agreement acknowledging maintenance obligations once the project is constructed.

**Review Summary**

- The project is recommended to commence with PE in 2030, ROW in 2032 and CON in 2034.
- The proposed project would use **\$7,411,102** of the regional allocation for the 2025-2034 Ten Year Transportation Plan.
- The Year-of-Expenditure (YoE) values include inflation of 3.7%/year and indirect costs of 10%.
- The project will be 100% federal funds with Turnpike Toll Credit (TTC) match.

**Funding**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>2022 LRPC Estimate</b>	<b>2022 NHDOT Estimate</b>	<b>YoE</b>
PE	\$620,000	\$620,000	\$848,119
ROW	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$235,365
CON	\$3,221,000	\$3,600,000	\$5,694,856
CE	\$597,000	\$400,000	\$632,762
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,592,000</b>	<b>\$4,780,000</b>	<b>\$7,411,102</b>

### Initial Priority #3: Route 107 rehabilitation (Laconia)

**Project summary:** The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate this heavily travelled and populated downtown corridor in the lakes region. The rehabilitation will involve replacing underground utilities including stormwater/drainage infrastructure, pavement and subbase improvements, pedestrian accessibility, traffic and pedestrian signals, and streetscape and lighting.

#### Review Comments

- Project would be funded with 80% Federal Aid program funding and 20% City match.
- NHDOT reviewers noted that the design is identified as 90% complete in the submittal, so it was assumed that no additional PE is needed.
- NHDOT review notes no included ROW budget amount, so the project cost discussion assumes the City will acquire or has acquired all ROW needs without federal funds participation/prior to commencing the proposed TYP project.
  - This is important to note given that NHDOT reviewers noted the presence of physical structures right up against the observed ROW (retaining walls, buildings up against the sidewalk, etc..) which will make for limited construction access absent additional ROW/easement acquisitions.
- There are sewer line improvements shown that would be non-participating costs (100% City costs) so this will reduce the total construction cost impact to the Ten-Year Plan.
- NHDOT reviewers noted the presence of utility poles in the sidewalk in multiple locations under current conditions. It was unclear from the scope discussion re: “includes underground utility improvements” whether that means just drainage or public utilities (electric, cable, etc.) are being put underground. NHDOT review notes that this would be both an expensive option and not a federal-aid-eligible expense (utilities).
- NHDOT review comments noted a reminder that when you receive federal funds stricter environmental permitting requirements will become part of the project.

#### Review Summary

- Values presented below represent the project commencing with CON in 2034.
- The Year-of-Expenditure (YoE) values include inflation of 3.7%/year.
- The project would utilize **\$3,923,122** (80% of the \$4,903,903 total) of LRPC’s 2025-2034 Ten Year Transportation Plan funding allocation.
- Water and sewer related costs were not included in the values below as they were not considered to be federal aid eligible.
- The City of Laconia would be responsible for the \$980,780 match (20%)
- The project would be administered as a Local Public Agency (LPA) project managed and match funded by the City of Laconia.
- A Municipal Agreement would need to be executed to govern the prosecution of the project and to outline maintenance obligations once the project is complete.
- The funding breakdown for the project as estimated:  
**\$3,923,122** (federal funds) + **\$980,780** (City of Laconia) = **\$4,903,903** (total project)
- The Department is concerned that there are no funds allocated to ROW even though there is the presence of physical structures right up against the observed ROW (retaining walls, buildings up against the sidewalk, etc.) If this project is put forward by LRPC for inclusion in the Ten-Year Plan there will need to be further discussion and agreement between the Department, LRPC and City if additional funding will be requested. Not including appropriate funding at this time puts additional funding at risk later.

**Funding**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>2022 LRPC Estimate</b>	<b>2022 NHDOT Estimate</b>	<b>YoE</b>
PE	\$	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
CON	\$3,410,000	\$3,100,000	\$4,458,094
CE	\$317,000	\$310,000	\$445,809
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,727,000</b>	<b>\$3,410,000</b>	<b>\$4,903,903</b>



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0000LSR	Bill Number	Other Org's Actions	Bill Category	Bill Title	Sponsor(s)	Bill Summary	House Committee	House Status	Next / Last House Hearing Date	Senate Committee	Senate Status	Next / Last Senate Hearing Date
2023-0084	<a href="#">HB0044</a>	NHMA: Opp	Boards, Commissions	relative to permissible residential units in a residential zone	Rebecca McWilliams, Julie Gilaman, Josh Ykela	This bill requires that local legislative bodies permit by right certain single-family lots in residential districts to be used for up to 4 residential units. (Requires municipal water and sewer.)	Municipal and County Government	HCR: Majority-OTP w/amend, Minority-ITL	1/19/2023 1:30 pm, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0080	<a href="#">HB0050</a>		Miscellaneous	relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers	Michael Edgar , David Cote, John Cloutier, Jeffrey Goley, Steve Shurtleff, Michael O'Brien, Timothy Soucy, Karen Ebel, Rosemarie Rung, Jim Maggiore, Cindy Rosenwald, Rebecca Perkins	This bill provides that the state shall pay 7.5 percent of contributions of retirement system employers other than the state for group I teachers and group II members.	Finance	In Committee	1/26/2023 2:00 pm, 210-211 LOB			
2023-0160	<a href="#">HB0056</a>	NHMA: Wat; NHACC: Sup	Land Use	relative to permits for the siting of new landfills	Megan Murray , David Watters, Susan Almy, Linda Massimilla, Alexis Simpson, Walter Stapleton, Larry Laflamme, Heidi Hamer, Peter Petrigino	This bill establishes a formula for determining the distance for which a new landfill shall be located from a perennial river, lake, or coastal water. Requires applicant to hire a hydrogeologist to determine the proper distance for the site.	Environment and Agriculture	In Committee	2/21/2023 1:00 pm, 303 LOB			
2023-0183	<a href="#">HB0063</a>	NHMA: Sup	Boards, Commissions	relative to religious use of land and structures	Eric Gallager, Maureen Mooney, Rosemarie Rung	RSA 674:76 is repealed and replaced with the language in this bill. Poor language. Cannot restrict land use on the basis of religion. Compelling government interests (including housing for the unhouseed) may be permitted on lands for religious uses.	Judiciary	HCR: ITL	01/18/2023 3:00 pm, 206-208 LOB			
2023-0043	<a href="#">HB0090</a>	NHMA: Sup	Boards, Commissions	relative to the municipal planning master plan	Laurel Stavis, Latha Mangipudi, David Preece, Rosemarie Rung, Jim Maggiore, Eric Gallager	Allows 2 more sections that may be added to Master Plans - RSA 674:2, 3(o): (1) A transition to renewable energy section, which includes an analysis of citizens' needs for alternative sources of energy, such as EV charging stations, enhanced bike lanes, community power generation and incorporation of solar and wind power into the area under the jurisdiction of the planning board. (2) Any other section the planning board feels is relevant and falls within the jurisdiction of the board.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: Without Recommendation	1/19/2023 1:30 pm, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0058	<a href="#">HB0092</a>		Energy	requiring the adoption of inovative vehicle emissions standards pursuant to section 177 of the federal clean Air Act	Rebecca McWilliams, David Waters, David Preece, Christine Seibert, Jacqueline Chretien, Rebecca Whitley, Amanda Toll	Proposes to adopt CA emission standards. NH only state north of NJ to NOT adopt the standard.	Science, Technology and Energy	HCR: Without Recommendation	1/24/2023 2:00 302-304 LOB			
2023-0019	<a href="#">HB0095</a>		Land Use	Enabling municipalities to adopt rental practice regulations	Ellen Read, David Preece, Christine Siebert, Kevin Pratt, Cassandra Levesque Eric Gaillager, Robin Vogt, Jodi Newell	Provides set of conditions where a tenant may refuse a rent increase. Amends RSA 31:39.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: Majority - ITL, Minority - OTP	1/18/2023 10:00 am, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0085	<a href="#">HB0110</a>		Transportation	prohibiting the use of state funds for new passenger rail projects	Aidan Ankarberg, Jess Edwards, Alicia Lekas, Tony Lekas, Jonathan Smith, Erica Layon	Specifically restricts Nashua-Manchester-Concord project, also removes language to allow the use of toll credits for the project.	Public Works and Highways	Retained In Committee	2/3/23 11:45 am, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0003	<a href="#">HB0111</a>		Energy	Establishing a committee to study electric vehicle charging for residential renters.	Kristina Schult	Committee Membership: 3 House, 3 Senate; Report due on November 1, 2023.	Transportation	HCR: ITL	1/17/2023 1:30 pm, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0139	<a href="#">HB0123</a>		Boards, Commissions	relative to governing body members of the budget committee	Terry Roy, Kevin Verville	Governing body members and school board ex officio members shall serve in an advisory capacity only. They shall not vote on any matter before the committee and their presence at any meeting shall not count towards the quorum requirement.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: Without Recommendation	1/18/2023 3:15 pm, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0702	<a href="#">HB0139</a>	NHACC: Wat	Energy	relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.	Jacqueline Chretien	This bill expands the definition of "municipal host" under the Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act and removes the requirement that a municipal host be located in the same municipality as all group members.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/3/23 2:00 pm, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0252	<a href="#">HB0149</a>		Right-To-Know	relative to the handling of requests made under the right to know law	Mrjorie Smith, Charlotte DiLorenzo	Municipalities must provide a written report every 30 days on the status of fulfilling a right to know request.	Judiciary	In Committee	01/19/2023 10:30 am, LOB 206-208			
2023-0710	<a href="#">HB0159</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to the default service rate for electricity	Rebecca McWilliams, David Watters, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka	This bill establishes a 5-year rolling average to recalculate the default electric service rate for electric utility customers.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0631	<a href="#">HB0161</a>		Energy	relative to customer generators of electricity as group hosts under net metering.	Kat McGhee, David Watters, Dan Wolf, Rebecca McWilliams	This bill deletes a requirement that a net metering group host not include other customer generators in the distribution group.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/31/23 11:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0673	<a href="#">HB0165</a>		Energy	relative to department of energy procedures in lieu of meeting renewable portfolio standards for biomass.	Michael Harrington	This bill removes the requirement for class III (biomass) payments to the renewable energy fund for compliance with renewable portfolio standards.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/31/23 1:30 pm, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0678	<a href="#">HB0166</a>		Energy	relative to the elimination of useful thermal energy from renewable energy classes.	Michael Harrington	This bill removes the inclusion of technologies producing useful thermal energy from the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/31/23 2:30 pm, 302-304 LOB			

2023-0563	<a href="#">HB0174</a>	NHMA: Opp	Land Use	relative to the filing of notice of intent to cut timber.	Juiet Harvey-Bolia, Dan Wolf, Matthew Simon, Diane Pauer, Timothy Lang, Howard Pearl	This bill enables a land owner to cut timber in certain cases where they have not received a response to the notice of intent to cut timber. This bill also makes it a violation for assessing officials to fail to forward a notice to cut to the department of revenue administration in a timely fashion.	Resources, Recreation and Development	In Committee				
2023-0671	<a href="#">HB0175</a>		Energy	relative to the energy consumption goal	Michael Harrington	Changes the words "fossil fuel consumption" to "greenhouse gas emissions". Goal remains 25% from 2005 baseline by 2025. The cost of implementation of methods to obtain goal must be in the budget.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/30/23 9:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0677	<a href="#">HB0176</a>		Energy	relative to rules of the site evaluation committee.	Michael Harrington	This bill requires the site evaluation committee to amend certain adopted rules.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/30/23 10:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0567	<a href="#">HB0177</a>	NHMA: Wat	Miscellaneous	relative to the definition of qualified structures under the community revitalization tax relief incentive.	Patrick Long	This bill expands the community revitalization tax relief incentive by replacing the term qualifying structure with qualifying property so that the tax incentive may be used for revitalization of land as well as structures.	Ways and Means	In Committee				
2023-0369	<a href="#">HB0184</a>		Boards, Commissions	relative to public notice requirement for zoning board of adjustment hearings	Andrew Renzullo	This bill allows municipalities to post public notice for zoning board of adjustment hearings on the town website, if available, instead of in a newspaper publication.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: ITL	1/19/2023 2:45 pm, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0272	<a href="#">HB0193</a>	NHMA: Wat	Miscellaneous	relative to administration of the New Hampshire retirement system.	Tony Lekas	This bill makes various changes to the administration of the New Hampshire retirement system, including changes to definitions of service, creditable service, references to the system's annual comprehensive financial report, and procedures for military service credit.	Executive Departments and Administration	In Committee				
2023-0486	<a href="#">HB0199</a>		Transportation	relative to making an appropriation to Carrol, Strafford, and Coos county freight rail improvement projects	Mark McConkey	This bill makes a capital appropriation of \$500,000 to the department of transportation for the Carroll and Strafford freight rail improvements project. The appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of matching private funds. This bill also makes a capital appropriation of \$500,000 to the department of transportation for the Coos county freight rail improvements project. The appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of matching private funds.	Public Works and Highways	In Committee	1/25/23 2:30 pm, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0061	<a href="#">HB0208</a>		Environment	establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and establishing a climate action plan	Jacqueline Chretien, Suzanne Vail, Alexis Simpson, David Preece, Cam Kenney	This bill establishes greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and authorizes the department of environmental services to inventory greenhouse gas emissions on an annual basis and to develop and report on a 5-year action plan.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/30/23 11:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0221	<a href="#">HB0211</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to a report by the department of energy on the effectiveness of the system benefits charge.	Douglas Thomas, Michael Vose	This bill removes the department of environmental services from a report on the effectiveness of the system benefits charge.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/3/23 11:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0394	<a href="#">HB0221</a>	NHACC: Sup	Boards, Commissions	relative to the acquisition of agricultural land development rights	Peter Bixby	This bill requires that agricultural land development rights purchased by the department of agriculture, markets and food shall be held in the name of the state of New Hampshire or the deed shall stipulate that the state has the right to enforce the terms of the deed.	Environment and Agriculture	In Committee				
2023-0355	<a href="#">HB0226</a>	NHMA: Wat	Miscellaneous	enabling municipalities to regulate the distribution and disposal of certain solid waste within landfills.	Lucius Parshall	This bill allows towns and municipalities to regulate the distribution and disposal of certain solid waste within landfills.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: Majority - ITL, Minority - OTP	2/1/23 11:30 am, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0396	<a href="#">HB0233</a>		Energy	relative to useful thermal energy under the renewable portfolio standards	Michael Vose , Douglas Thomas, Kat McGhee, Bill Gannon, Fred Plett, Jose Cambrils, Timothy Lang, Howard Pearl	This bill allows for the verification of useful thermal energy under the electric renewable portfolio standards by methods approved by the department of energy.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0401	<a href="#">HB0234</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to renewable energy credits	Rebecca McWilliams	This bill repeals the statutory provision allowing for credit for electricity production for customer-sited sources that are net metered and for which renewable energy certificates are not issued.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/31/23 9:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0410	<a href="#">HB0236</a>	NHMA: Opp	Boards, Commissions	relative to regulation of condominium conversions	Barry Faulkner	This bill provides that a condominium conversion shall not be considered a subdivision for purposes of regulation of waste disposal systems by the department of environmental services or under municipal ordinances.	Municipal and County Government	In Committee	2/1/23 1:30 pm, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0483	<a href="#">HB0246</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to uses of money's in the renewable energy fund	Jeanne Nutter	This bill provides that all moneys in the renewable energy fund derived from renewable energy certificates shall be used to reduce ratepayer costs via a public utilities commission approved reduction in electric rates. Note this bill is in conflict with HB0234 & HB0263.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/31/23 10:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0503	<a href="#">HB0247</a>		Environment	relative to protective well radii	Mark McConkey	This bill proposes to use a setback reduction form in place of a protective well radius. The form needs to be filed with registry of deeds.	Resources, Recreation and Development	In Committee	1/25/23 1:45 pm, 305-307 LOB			
2023-0317	<a href="#">HB0251</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards	Douglas Thomas, Sharon Carson, Jeanine Notter, Michael Vose, John Lewicke, Tina Harley, Ron Dunn	This bill provides for the public utilities commission to identify its estimated total cost of compliance with electric renewable portfolio standards in customer's electric bills.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/6/2023 10:30 am, 302-304 LOB			

2023-0358	<a href="#">HB0252</a>	NHMA: Wat	Boards, Commissions	exempting agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances	Barbara Comtos, Peter Bixby, Judy Aron	This bill exempts farming and agricultural operations from municipal noise ordinances	Environment and Agriculture	HCR: Majority-OTP, Minority-OTP w/amend				
2023-0297	<a href="#">HB0254</a>	NHMA: Sup	Right-To-Know	relative to remote participation in public meetings under the right to know law	Alexis Simpson	When authorized by its governing body, a public body may allow one or more members of the body to participate in a meeting remotely only when such attendance is not reasonably practical. Any reason that such attendance is not reasonably practical shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting. (c) A quorum or at least one third of the total membership of the public body, whichever is less, shall be present at the physical location of the meeting. Each member participating electronically or otherwise must be able to contemporaneously and throughout the meeting see and hear, and be seen and heard by, the other members of the public body attending the meeting. A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph is deemed to be present for all purposes, including for determination of a quorum and voting.	Judiciary	HCR: Majority - ITL, Minority - OTP	01/19/2023 11:00 am, 206-208 LOB			
2023-0274	<a href="#">HB0263</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	requiring notification to renewable energy customer-generators of issues related to renewable energy credits	Rebecca McWilliams	Notification -yes; a good thing. Penalties and fines for non-compliance - a bad thing. Therefore, you may lose the right to claim that you are using renewable energy unless you both: (1) have your system certified to create RECs; and (2) you retain the RECs that you create. If you do not create and retain RECs, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) may take regulatory action against you for false advertising if you market your home or business as running on the renewable energy that you generate. Failure to comply with any resulting FTC orders may subject you or your business to civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for every day the violation continues.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/6/2023 3:00 pm, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0182	<a href="#">HB0273</a>	NHMA: Wat	Miscellaneous	requiring composting and waste recycling to be made available to residents of public housing	Eric Gallager	In furtherance of the state's waste reduction goal established in RSA 149-M:2, each town shall ensure that residents of public housing located in the town have access to appropriate, on-site composting and recycling receptacles or bins. In this paragraph, "public housing" means housing administered by a public housing authority.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: ITL	2/1/23 2:20 pm, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0537	<a href="#">HB0289</a>	NHMA: Wat	Right-To-Know	relative to consultation with legal counsel under the right to know law	Travis Corcoran	This bill prohibits a public official from retaining legal counsel for the purpose of evading compliance with the right to know law and makes violation of the requirement a misdemeanor.	Judiciary	In Committee	1/19/2023 11:30 am, 206-208 LOB			
2023-0511	<a href="#">HB0295</a>	NHMA: Wat	Boards, Commissions	relative to requiring all selectboard an school board meetings to be recorded and broadcast live online	Hope Damon	This bill requires public sessions of the boards of selectmen and school boards to be video recorded and live-streamed.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: Majority - ITL, Minority - OTP	1/18/2023 2:00 pm, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0510	<a href="#">HB0296</a>	NHMA: Wat	Boards, Commissions	relative to local ordinances governing driveway permits	Thomas Walsh	This bill clarifies that local land use boards and not the state fire code regulate driveway access.	Public Works and Highways	In Committee	1/25/23 3:00 pm, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0500	<a href="#">HB0298</a>	NHMA: Wat	Miscellaneous	relative to local authorities control over placement of personal wireless service facilities	Lucius Parshall	This bill allows state and local authorities additional authority in the review of applications for personal wireless service facilities.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/7/2023 9:30 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0469	<a href="#">HB0307</a>	NHMA: Opp	Right-To-Know	relative to attorney's fees in actions under the right to know law	Dan McGuire	Attorney's fees may be awarded to a requester if the court finds in favor of the requester. Attorney's fees may be awarded to a public body if the court finds in favor of the public body.	Judiciary	In Committee	1/19/2023 1:00 pm, 206-208 LOB			
2023-0468	<a href="#">HB0308</a>	NHMA: Wat; NHACC: Wat	Boards, Commissions	relative to quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence	Frances Nutter-Upham	This bill removes the emergency exception requirement for remote presence of members to constitute a quorum for meetings open to the public. Note this bill conflicts with HB0254. It will be a much preferred solution to the remote meeting participation. Removes the quorum to be at the meeting location, removes restrictions on when members can participate remotely.	Judiciary	HCR: Majority-OTP w/amend, Minority-ITL	1/19/2023 1:30 pm, 206-208 LOB			

2023-0458	<a href="#">HB0310</a>	NHMA: Wat	Boards, Commissions	requiring developers to secure hydrology analysis certifying adequate waer capacity and potability when building new subdivisions	Kat McGhee	This bill requires developers to secure certain hydrological analysis for subdivisions. Great to have the study but doesn't state that planning boards or zoning boards of adjustment can deny an application or variance if the study shows there is not or very likely not enough water capacity to satisfy the proposed new subdivision. Since 1 or 2 ADUs are permitted by right for single-family dwelling units, then the study should be based on the potential 3 dwelling units or the equivalent number of bedrooms.	Resources, Recreation and Development	HCR: Majority - ITL, Minority - OTP w/amend	2/1/23 1:00 pm, 305-307 LOB			
2023-0454	<a href="#">HB0312</a>		Miscellaneous	relative to changing the minimum number of signatures of registered voters for warrant articles to a percentage in ballot referendum outside March meetings	Dennis Malloy	This bill requires at least 10 percent of a town's registered voters to petition for warrant articles at special meeting. Does not apply to Zoning Ordinance petitions. (?)	Municipal and County Government	HCR: Majority - ITL, Minority - OTP w/amend	1/26/23 11:00 am, 301-303 LOB			
2023-0423	<a href="#">HB0321</a>	NHMA: Wat	Right-To-Know	relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law	Josh Yokela	This bill requires public bodies to review meeting minutes withheld from public disclosure at least every 10 years to determine whether they should continue to be withheld. Minutes not reviewed after 10 years shall be made public.	Judiciary	In Committee	1/19/2023 2:00 pm, 206-208 LOB			
2023-0135	<a href="#">HB0347</a>	NHMA: Wat	Land Use	establishing a superior court land use review docket	Bob Lynn	The court shall hold a structuring conference within 30 days of its receipt of the notice of appeal. At the structuring conference the court shall set a deadline for the filing with the court of the certified record and shall schedule a hearing on the merits to be held within 60 days of receipt of the certified record. The court shall issue a decision on the merits within 60 days of the hearing. The court may extend any of the deadlines established in this paragraph upon agreement of the parties or for other good cause shown, but if the extension is based upon good cause, the court shall articulate in its order granting the extension the specific facts and circumstances that warrant the extension. Effective 1/1/24	Judiciary; Referred to Finance	House vote: OTP w/amend; Referred to Finance: In Committee	1/19/2023 2:30 pm, 206-208 LOB			
2023-0249	<a href="#">HB0356</a>		Transportation	relative to the application of motor vehicle laws to bicycles	Lino Avellani	Requires bicycles and electric bicycles to have a 4" diameter mirror on each handle bar when traveling on public ways where other motorized vehicles are traveling.	Transportation	In Committee	2/7/2023 10:30 am, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0243	<a href="#">HB0361</a>		Miscellaneous	relative to Pease development authority board of directors.	Jaci Grote, Kate Murray	This bill changes the membership of the Pease development authority board of directors to give representation to the town of Rye and the town of New Castle.	Public Works and Highways	In Committee	2/3/23 2:45 pm, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0261	<a href="#">HB0369</a>		Energy	establishing a program to provide energy relief on farms	Kat McGhee	There is established a sunlit farm energy relief task force which shall assist New Hampshire farmers in accessing money to transition to cleaner and more sustainable electric generation practices and lowering electricity costs. Report due on October 1, 2023.	Environment and Agriculture	In Committee				
2023-0306	<a href="#">HB0372</a>		Energy	establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment	Tony Caolan, Charles McMahon	This bill establishes a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment. Report due Nov 1, 2023.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0670	<a href="#">HB0381</a>		Energy	relative to the system benefits charge	Michael Harrington	This bill provides that system benefits charge and local distribution adjustment charge funding levels may only be increased by passage of legislation or authorization by the fiscal committee of the general court.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/6/2023 9:30 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0642	<a href="#">HB0385</a>		Energy	relative to the approval of community electric aggregation plans by the department of energy	Michael Vose , Douglas Thomas, Kat McGhee, Bill Gannon, Fred Plett, Jose Cambrils, Timothy Lang, Howard Pearl	This bill clarifies the procedure for complaints to the department of energy concerning community electric aggregation plans.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/6/2023 10:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0321	<a href="#">HB0412</a>	NHMA: Wat	Transportation	re-establishing a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges and their resulting improvements	Mark McConkey	Concept good. Commission make up has a very biased membership. A person from the auto dealers of NH, no trucking industry representative, and no public transit representative. Also states commission should look at studies dated 2012 and 2010. They may be OK, but very likely also very dated. Only state roads would be considered. Funding for local roads should be included. Report due 11/1/23.	Public Works and Highways	HCR: OTP	1/25/23 1:00 pm, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0657	<a href="#">HB0416</a>		Boards, Commissions	relative to membership on a zoning or planning board	Travis Corcoran	This bill prohibits certain persons from being elected or appointed or sitting on any zoning board of adjustment, planning board, or board of selectmen of the town in which they reside. No conflict of interest; a person may challenge a seated committee member about a potential conflict.	Municipal and County Government	HCR: ITL	1/18/23 2:30 pm, 301-303 LOB			

2023-0273	<a href="#">HB0418</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to reducing the rebates distributed by the energy efficiency fund	Rebecca McWilliams, David Preece	Beginning January 1, 2024, and all subsequent years, all auction proceeds shall be dedicated to support current or future energy efficiency resource standards programs. The department of energy shall devise or discover low-cost, small scale energy efficiency measures that can be implemented by homeowners and distribute these at no cost through NHSaves or through public schools, to enable savings to offset any decline in rebates, including but not limited to programmable thermostats. The department of energy shall contract with the department of education in developing coherent and successful education programs that will reach families. Said programs may include video-based education distributed through NHSaves.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0291	<a href="#">HB0423</a>	NHMA: Opp	Boards, Commissions	relative to accessory dwelling unit uses allowed by right	Ellen Read, David Preece, Christine Siebert, Kevin Pratt, Cassandra Levesque Eric Gaillager, Robin	Increases the number of ADUs permitted by right from 1 to 2. 1st ADU 1000 sq ft or more, 2nd ADU 850 sq ft or more. Really dumb definition of "attached".	Municipal and County Government	In Committee				
2023-0747	<a href="#">HB0443</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	establishing a commission to study the withdrawal of NH from ISO New England	JD Bernardy	This bill establishes a commission to study the withdrawal of New Hampshire from ISO New England. Report due December 1, 2023.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/30/23 1:30 pm, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0442	<a href="#">HB0456</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to collecting road tolls on the output of separately metered electric vehicle chargers	Michael Vose, Mark McConkey, Bill Gannon, Fred Plett, Jeffrey Greeson, JD Bernardy, Walter	This bill requires the collection of the equivalent road toll on the electricity dispensed by electric vehicle chargers for electricity dispensed at the same rate as motor fuels.	Public Works and Highways	In Committee	2/3/23 10:30 am, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0457	<a href="#">HB0458</a>		Energy	relative to participation in net energy metering by small hydroelectric generators.	Michael Vose, Peter Leishman, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Ross Berry	This bill establishes a methodology for interconnection and participation in net metering by small hydroelectric generators.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/6/2023 9:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0506	<a href="#">HB0465</a>		Environment	restricting use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroally substances in certain consumer products	Karen Ebel]	This bill restricts the use of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances in rugs, carpets, and aftermarket stain and water resistant treatments sold in New Hampshire.	Commerce and Consumer Affairs	In Committee	1/25/23 11:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0689	<a href="#">HB0509</a>		Energy	relative to the phasing out of the minimum electric renewable portfolio standard.	Michael Harrington	This bill requires the department of energy to implement a phase out of the minimum electric renewable portfolio standard over a 5-year period.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0034	<a href="#">HB0511</a>	NHMA: Wat	Transportation	relative to requiring the department of transportation to do road maintenance and repairs according to its complete streets program	Rebecca McWilliams, Timothy Horrigan, David Preece, Daniel Veilleux	This bill requires towns, cities, state departments and state institutions who request maintenance and repair assistance for their roads from the department of transportation to coordinate with the complete streets advisory committee to plan and follow the complete streets program standards of the National Association of City Traffic Officials.	Public Works and Highways	In Committee	2/3/23 1:45 pm, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0501	<a href="#">HB0523</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to net metering limits for individual and business customers	Lucius Parshall	This bill proposes to terminate NH electricity providers and consumers from ISO-New England, Inc., the independent, nonprofit regional transmission organization that oversees the operation of New England's bulk electric power system and transmission lines. It also increases the amount of energy an energy provider may generate via net-metering from a maximum amount of 1 MW to a maximum of less than 5 MW.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0733	<a href="#">HB0524</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to regional greenhouse gas initiative funds.	Kat McGhee	All amounts in excess of the threshold price of <del>[\$4]</del> \$3 for any allowance sale shall be rebated to all retail electric ratepayers in the state on a per-kilowatt-hour basis, in a timely manner to be determined by the commission.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0207	<a href="#">HB0558</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to electric microgrids	Keith Ammon	This bill establishes the authority for and procedures for adoption of electric microgrids. DES would have the authority to establish such procedures.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/7/2023 10:00 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0399	<a href="#">HB0576</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	establishing an energy conservation program and an energy conservation project fund and establishing the state PACE reserve fund	Latha Mangipudi	This bill establishes a state energy conservation loan program and an energy conservation project fund. This bill also establishes the state PACE reserve fund.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				
2023-0334	<a href="#">HB0592</a>	NHACC: Opp	Environment	relative to buffers around wetlands	James Horgan	Terrle bill. Temporary impacts would have no buffer requirement, small projects (3,000 sq ft or less) could only impose a 50-ft buffer. No consideration of prime wetlands.	Resources, Recreation and Development	HCR: ITL	2/2/23 2:30 pm, 305-307 LOB			
2023-0725	<a href="#">HB0602</a>	NHMA: Wat; NHACC: Sup	Land Use	relative to landfill siting	Matthew Simon, Maureen Mooney, Rosemarie Rung, David Rochefort	This bill establishes additional requirements for siting of landfills as permitted by the department of environmental services.	Environment and Agriculture	In Committee	2/22/2023 2:30 pm, 303 LOB			
2023-0491	<a href="#">HB0605</a>	NHMA: Wat	Energy	relative to solar generation under the renewable portfolio standards	Ned Reynolds	This bill revises the minimum percentages for solar electrical generation included in the renewable portfolio standards for 2024 through 2050 and after.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/7/2023 10:30 am, 302-304 LOB			
2023-0499	<a href="#">HB0606</a>		Boards, Commissions	requiring construction of state buildings or state-funded projects to contain electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.	Lucius Parshall	This bill adds requirements and definitions for state buildings and other major construction using state funding to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure at parking spaces.	Public Works and Highways	In Committee	2/3/23 1:00 pm, 201-203 LOB			
2023-0387	<a href="#">HB0609</a>		Environment	relative to energy facility siting	Michael Vose	This bill establishes the regulation of energy facility siting within the public utilities commission and establishes new procedures to replace the site evaluation committee.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee				

2023-0256	<a href="#">HB0614</a>		Environment	directing the department of health and human services to develop a health outcomes repository related to per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.	Nancy Murphy, Sharon Carson, David Watters, Richard Lascelles, Rosemarie Rung, Wendy Thomas, David Meuse, Shannon Chandley, Denise Ricciardi, Catherine Rombeau, Debra Altschiller, Ron Dunn, Kristine Perez	Department of Health and Human Services; Health Outcomes Repository. The department of health and human services shall develop a health outcomes repository to collect information relative to adverse human health effects in areas impacted by per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) air emissions and areas impacted by PFAS contaminated drinking water. The repository shall collect adverse health outcome information recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency based upon scientific studies and peer reviewed data.	Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs	HCR: OTP w/amend	1/25/23 11:00 am, 302-304 LOB				
2023-0750	<a href="#">HB0622</a>		Energy	repealing the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board	JD Bernardy	This bill would repeal the establishment of the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board and transfer some of the board's responsibilities to the department of energy.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	2/7/2023 3:00 pm, 302-304 LOB				
2023-0718	<a href="#">HB0630</a>		Energy	establishing a revolving clean energy accelerator fund in the department of energy.	Rebecca McWilliams, Rebecca Whitley, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Donovan Fenton	This bill creates a clean energy accelerator fund, administered by the department of energy, to finance goods and services producing low or zero greenhouse gas emissions and use other financial tools to mitigate climate change.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee	1/30/23 3:00 pm, 302-304 LOB				
2023-0719	<a href="#">HB0631</a>		Energy	relative to electric utility smart meter gateway devices.	Jacqueline Chretien, Rebecca McWilliams, Lucius Parshall, Will Darby	This bill requires electric utilities to provide customers with the option to purchase smart meter gateway devices.	Science, Technology and Energy	In Committee					
2023-0660	<a href="#">HB0636</a>	NHMA: Opp	Boards, Commissions	relative to required education for zoning board members	Travis Corcoran	This bill requires local zoning board of adjustment officials to complete an annual course and written test designed and administered by the department of business and economic affairs in order to participate in zoning board of adjustment meetings. Training for planning board members (regular & alternates) also required, but not as stringent as for ZBA members (written tests and fines for non compliance).	Municipal and County Government	In Committee					
2023-0531	<a href="#">HB0652</a>	NHMA: Opp	Right-To-Know	relative to nonpublic sessions under the right to know law	Katherine Prudhomme-O'Brien	This bill provides that, when a public body goes into nonpublic session to discuss matters likely to adversely affect an individual's reputation, the person affected shall be given notice of the meeting and an opportunity to attend, be represented by counsel and speak on their own behalf.	Judiciary	In Committee	2/16/2023 3:00:00 pm, Reps Hall, SH				
2023-0754	<a href="#">SB0040</a>		Energy	relative to participation in net energy metering by small hydroelectric generators.	Kevin Avard, Jeb Bradley, David Watters, Jason Osborne, Michael Vose, Regina Birdsell, Kat McGee, Rebecca McWilliams, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Ross Berry, Carrie	This bill establishes a methodology for interconnection and participation in net metering by small hydroelectric generators.				Energy and Natural Resources	SCR: OTP w/amend	1/17/23 9:15 am, 103 SH	
2023-0984	<a href="#">SB0047</a>	NHACC: Sup	Boards, Commissions	establishing a commission to study barriers to increased density of residential development in New Hampshire.	Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, David Watters, Donna Soucy, David Preece, Charlotte DiLorenzo, Ellen Read, Shannon Chandley, Cindy Rosenwald, Rebecca Whitley	This bill establishes a commission to study barriers to increased density of residential development in New Hampshire. NHARPC, NHPA jointly appoint 1 member to commission.				Election Law and Municipal Affairs	SCR: OTP w/amend	1/17/23 10:00 am, 103 LOB	
2023-0919	<a href="#">SB0052</a>		Energy	relative to the regulation and operation of electric vehicle charging stations.	Timothy Lang	This bill modernizes the electric vehicle charging station statutes for electric vehicle infrastructure construction projects.				Transportation	In Committee		
2023-0881	<a href="#">SB0054</a>		Energy	relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities.	Kevin Avard	This bill requires electric distribution utilities to issue requests for proposals to provide more diverse and longer term options for providing default energy service to customers in purchased power agreements as directed by the public utilities commission.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee		
2023-0963	<a href="#">SB0060</a>		Environment	relative to water quality	James Gray, David Watters, Andrew Renzullo, Kevin Avard	This bill makes changes to the timeline for certifications by the department of environmental services of activities that may result in a discharge into surface water bodies.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee		
2023-0927	<a href="#">SB0061</a>		Environment	relative to surface water setbacks for landfills	Kevin Avard, Sharon Carson, David Watters, Ruth Ward, Timothy Lang	This bill enables the department of environmental services to adopt rules relative to surface water setbacks for landfills.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	1/24/23 9:30 am, 103 LOB	
2023-0877	<a href="#">SB0062</a>		Environment	relative to landowner liability under RSA 147-B, the hazardous waste cleanup fund.	Kevin Avard	This bill clarifies landowner liability provisions relative to the hazardous waste cleanup fund and updates references to the term hazardous wastes and hazardous substances. The bill is a request of the department of environmental services.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee		
2023-0789	<a href="#">SB0068</a>		Energy	relative to municipal host for purposes of limited electrical energy producers	Kevin Avard	This bill removes the requirement that a municipal host under the limited electrical energy producers act be located in the same municipality as all group members.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	1/24/23 9:00 am, 103 SH	
2023-0788	<a href="#">SB0069</a>		Energy	relative to allowing nonprofits to participate as a customer-generator group host under net energy metering	Kevin Avard	This bill allows nonprofit entities of the community and technical colleges, colleges and universities, hospitals, the not-for-profit hospitals, housing authorities, and the Pease development authority, to participate as customer-generator group hosts under net energy metering.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	1/24/23 9:15 am, 103 SH	



2023-0977	<a href="#">SB0078</a>		Boards, Commissions	relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of construction.	Daniel Innis	This bill establishes requirements and limits on the security required for street work and utility installations, landscaping, final pavement, and fire suppression systems under subdivision regulations regarding completion of improvements prior to final approval.				Election Law and Municipal Affairs	In Committee	
2023-0978	<a href="#">SB0079</a>	CENH: Sup	Energy	relative to the participation of customer generators in net energy metering.	Timothy Lang	This bill adds the requirement for large customer-generators participating in net energy metering to consume at least 20 percent of their own generation.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	
2023-1027	<a href="#">SB0096</a>	NHMA: Wat, CENH: Sup	Energy	relative to state energy performance contracting.	Timothy Lang	This bill prohibits requests for qualifications or requests for contract proposals from requiring membership or accreditation in energy associations, using equipment not generally available to energy service companies, or terms of bias or favoritism.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	
2023-0822	<a href="#">SB0102</a>		Energy	relative to the Jones Act's effect on New Hampshire's heating and energy fuel market.	Keith Murphy, Yury Polozov	This bill requires the department of energy to submit a report to the legislature on the impact of the Jones Act on New Hampshire's heating and energy fuel market.				Commerce	In Committee	
2023-0801	<a href="#">SB0114</a>		Boards, Commissions	relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.	Cindy Rosenwald	This bill restores the state's contribution to the retirement liabilities of certain teachers, firefighters, and police officers within the state retirement system. Bill proposes the state contributes 7.5% of the total payment into the retirement fund.				Finance	In Committee	1/23/23 1:55 pm, 103 SH
2023-0874	<a href="#">SB0123</a>		Environment	relative to the adoption of ambient groundwater quality standards by the department of environmental services.	David Watters, Jeanine Notter, Kevin Avard, James Gray, Rosemarie Rung, Wendy Thomas, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Robert Healey, Debra Altschiller	This bill enables the commissioner of the department of environmental services to adopt certain ambient groundwater quality standards.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	1/23/23 9:15 am, 103 SH
2023-0883	<a href="#">SB0125</a>		Miscellaneous	relative to annual grants to regional development corporations.	Carrie Gendreau	This bill makes an annual appropriation to the business finance authority to provide grants to regional economic development corporations for a 10-year period.(\$200,000 annually)				Finance	In Committee	1/23/23 2:40 pm, 103 SH
2023-0924	<a href="#">SB0138</a>	NHMA: Sup	Environment	making an appropriation to PFAS remediation fund grants.	Denise Ricciardi, Sharon Carson, Jeb Bradley, David Watters, Jeanine Notter, Maureen Mooney, Nancy	This bill makes an appropriation to the department of environmental services to fund PFAS fund grants. \$5,000,000 in FY 2023 and \$5,000,000 in FY 2024.				Finance	SCR: OTP	2/7/2023 1:25 pm, 103 SH
2023-1045	<a href="#">SB0145</a>	NHMA: Sup	Housing	relative to New Hampshire housing champion designation for municipalities and making appropriations therefor.	Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Jeb Bradley, David Watters, Donna Soucy, Mary Jane Wallner, Joe Alexander, Shannon Chandley, Cindy Rosenwald, Suzanne Prentiss, Rebecca Whitley	This bill establishes a New Hampshire housing champion designation program, including a housing production municipal grant program, and a housing infrastructure municipal grant and loan program. The bill also establishes positions within the department of business and economic affairs and makes appropriations for the programs.				Commerce	In Committee	2/14/2023 9:30 am, 100 SH
2023-0784	<a href="#">SB0159</a>	NHMA: Wat	Land Use	relative to permits for the siting of new landfills.	Donovan Fenton	This bill prohibits the department of environmental services from permitting unrestricted landfills.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	
2023-0804	<a href="#">SB0161</a>		Energy	relative to the definition of a low-moderate income community solar project.	Rebecca Perkins Kwoka	This bill allows certain public housing authority projects to qualify for low-moderate income community solar projects.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	2/2/23 1:15 pm, 103 SH
2023-0812	<a href="#">SB0163</a>	NHMA: Wat	Boards, Commissions	relative to agritourism and product sales at farms and farm roadside stands.	Howard Pearl, Sharon Carson, David Watters, Peter Bixby, Regina Birdsell, Michael Moffet, Barbara Comtois, Ruth Ward, Daniel Innis, Judy Aron, Timothy Lang	This bill defines "significant expansion" and allows municipalities to request information about product sales from a farm. Definition involves an increase of square footage (500 sq ft or 25% increase whichever is greater. No mention of higher frequency of use, longer operating hours, increase in customers.				Energy and Natural Resources	SCR: Re-refer to Committee	
2023-1042	<a href="#">SB0164</a>	NHMA: Wat	Environment	relative to biodiverse environments	David Watters, Peter Bixby, Ellen Read, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka	This bill defines biodiversity and requires its inclusion in certain land use regulations. This bill also creates a form contract to preserve the rights of domestic animals and wild animals.				Energy and Natural Resources	SCR: OTP w/amend	1/23/23 9:45 am, 103 SH
2023-1044	<a href="#">SB0165</a>	CENH: Sup	Energy	relative to the online energy data platform	Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Rebecca McWilliams	This bill establishes conditions for the implementation of the statewide, multi-use, online energy data platform in the department of energy.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	
2023-1047	<a href="#">SB0166</a>		Energy	relative to electric grid modernization	David Watters, Kat McGhee, Rebecca McWilliams, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka	This bill allows the department of energy and the public utilities commission to implement the use of distributed energy resources, transactive energy, enhanced demand response, and distributed generation and storage for grid modernization for New Hampshire.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	2/2/23 1:15 pm, 103 SH
2023-1050	<a href="#">SB0167</a>		Energy	relative to green hydrogen energy and infrastructure	David Watters	This bill adds green hydrogen facilities and infrastructure to renewable electric generation which provides fuel diversity, establishes green hydrogen business tax and property tax reduction programs, and establishes a green hydrogen advisory committee established in the department of energy.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	2/2/23 1:30 pm, 103 SH
2023-1053	<a href="#">SB0168</a>		Energy	relative to participation in a low-moderate income residential customers community solar project.	Kevin Avard	This bill allows for participation of certain large electrical generators in low-moderate income community solar projects and expands the eligibility of residents to benefit from community solar additions.				Energy and Natural Resources	In Committee	2/2/23 1:45 pm, 103 SH

2023-1038	<a href="#">SB0183</a>		Right-To-Know	exempting certain phone calls from the right to know law.	Denise Ricciardi, David Watters, Regina Birdsell, Bob Lynn	This bill provides that although records compiled under RSA 106-H, relative the enhanced 911 system, are not public records under RSA 91-A, the division may release records to the caller for the purpose of a legal investigation or proceeding.			Judiciary	In Committee	2/7/2023 1:15 pm, 100 SH
2023-0817	<a href="#">SB0186</a>	NHMA: Wat	Transportation	relative to an electric bicycle low-income transportation incentive program.	David Watters	This bill creates an electric bicycle incentive and rebate program and fund for low income workers and makes an appropriation to the fund. (a) For eligible e-bikes under \$1,000 in price, the rebate shall be no more than 50 percent of the purchase price. (b) For eligible e-bikes with a cost over \$1,000 the rebate amount shall be \$500. (c) If accessories are purchased with the eligible e-bike, the qualified applicant shall receive an additional rebate of up to \$100.			Transportation	In Committee	
2023-0798	<a href="#">SB0191</a>	NHMA: Sup	Transportation	relative to road toll registration surcharges for electric vehicles.	David Watters	This bill establishes a registration surcharge for electric vehicles and requires the division of motor vehicles and department of transportation to report annually on the surcharge revenue and use of funds. Surcharge - \$50. Bill is silent on cost of inspection fee.			Ways and Means	In Committee	2/1/23 9:45 am, 100 SH
2023-0904	<a href="#">SB0222</a>	NHMA: Wat	Miscellaneous	relative to the definition of broadband infrastructure as a revenue-producing facility eligible for municipal revenue bonds.	Jeb Bradley, Peter Leishman, James Gray, John MacDonald, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Carrie Gendreau,	This bill eliminates broadband municipal bonding restrictions to unserved areas only.			Election Law and Municipal Affairs	In Committee	
2023-1048	<a href="#">SB0224</a>	NHMA: Wat	Boards, Commissions	relative to housing opportunity zones and inclusionary zoning	Rebecca Perkins Kwoka	This bill modifies criteria for the adoption of housing opportunity zones by a municipality, and expands the definition of inclusionary zoning to include standards for housing affordability.			Election Law and Municipal Affairs	In Committee	
2023-0965	<a href="#">SB0250</a>	NHMA: Sup	Right-To-Know	relative to remote participation in government meetings.	Timothy Lang, David Watters, James Gray, Rebecca Whitley, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Bill Boyd	This bill revises the criteria and procedures for holding remote public meetings under RSA 91-A.			Judiciary	In Committee	2/21/2023 1:30 pm, 100 SH
2023-1018	<a href="#">SB0259</a>		Transportation	relative to gateway treatments, physical traffic calming, and psychological traffic calming on Route 101 from Amherst to the intersection of Route 101 and Route 101A in Milford	Shannon Chandley	This bill requires the department of transportation to include in the 10-year transportation improvement plan, a plan to address gateway treatments, physical traffic calming, and psychological traffic calming on Route 101 from Amherst to the intersection of Route 101 and Route 101A in Milford.					

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*Legislative Tracking 2023*

# N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee

[N.H. Lakes Management and Protection Program](https://www.lmac.des.nh.gov/)  
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February 21, 2023

The Honorable Thomas Walsh, Chair  
House Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 203  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 137 - AN ACT relative to boating safety equipment rules and vessel numbering rules, and establishing a committee to study boat registration fees.**

Dear Chair Walsh and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 137**, which establishes a committee to study boat registration fees.

At the time of boat registration, New Hampshire currently collects \$17.50 in additional fees. These fees are used for search and rescue, public boat access, coastal pier maintenance, and the lake restoration fund. The lake restoration fund is the sole source of funding for the state's program to prevent and manage aquatic invasive species, which includes providing grants to non-profit organizations and municipalities for work to address aquatic invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species spread rapidly if left untreated. Their dense populations hinder boat navigation, negatively affect recreational enjoyment, and harm populations of native species. Since aquatic invasive species are easily transported from waterbody to another when boats are used in multiple places, the current fee structure ties the funding source to a community that benefits from clean waterways and whose actions are most likely to inadvertently cause the spread of aquatic invasive species. Having a reliable, dedicated source of funding that is adequate to combat aquatic invasive species is critical to the public's continued enjoyment of New Hampshire lakes, including the associated economic benefits.

Stakeholders recently became aware that collecting these fees as part of boat registration is out of compliance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Without a change, Marine Patrol stands to lose as much as half of its annual funding. This is an issue facing multiple states. Other states have seen revenues drop significantly when they have separated their boat registration fee from fees used to support boat-related programs like safety, access, and aquatic invasive species work. A better solution is needed in order to protect these essential programs in New Hampshire.

Establishing a committee is an appropriate way to explore remedies that would be acceptable to all affected stakeholders, as well as allowing time for stakeholders across states to work with the federal government to see if the issue can be resolved at the national level. Consequently, the LMAC supports the study committee created in HB 137.

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**LMAC VOTING MEMBERS:** Jared Maraio, Chair, NH Travel Council • Shane Bradt, Scientific Community • Ryan Cardella, Marine Trades Association • Tiffany Grade, Conservation Community • Sara Holland, NH Association of Realtors • Janet Kidder, Planning Boards • Frank Lemay, NH Business & Industry Assoc. • Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES • Lisa Morin, State Conservation Committee • Susan Price, NH Fish & Game Commission • Dick Smith, Fishing Interests • Meredith Smith, Municipal Official • Steve Wingate, Conservation Commissions

**LMAC NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** Garret Graaskamp, Vice Chair, NH Fish & Game Dept. • Capt. Tim Dunleavy, NH Dept. of Safety • Eric Feldbaum, NH Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources • Jennifer Gilbert, NH Dept. of Business and Economic Affairs • Mark Hemmerlein, NH Dept. of Trans. • Shawn Jasper, NH Dept. of Ag, Markets & Food

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The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483-A, the Lakes Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of 19 members representing academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, municipal government as well as several state agencies.

**In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 137 for the reasons stated above.** Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 366-5531 or [Jared@cruisenh.com](mailto:Jared@cruisenh.com).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jared Maraio', written in a cursive style.

Jared Maraio, Chair

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# NH Rivers Management Advisory Committee

NH Rivers Management and Protection Program



February 21, 2023

The Honorable Thomas Walsh, Chair  
House Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 203  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 137** *An act relative to boating safety equipment rules and vessel numbering rules, and establishing a committee to study boat registrations fees.*

Dear Chair Walsh and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 137**, which establishes a committee to study boat registration fees.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- With each boat registration, New Hampshire collects currently \$17.50 of fees that are allocated to search and rescue, public boat access, coastal pier maintenance, and the lake restoration fund;
- This current practice is out of compliance with US Coast Guard regulations and requires immediate action to keep these vital programs funded and to not jeopardize the state's federal grant for safety programs;
- The lake restoration fund is the sole source of money for the state's program to prevent and manage aquatic invasive species. This includes providing grants to non-profit organizations and municipalities to address aquatic invasive species;
- Aquatic invasive species spread rapidly if left untreated. Their dense populations hinder boat navigation, negatively affect recreational enjoyment, and harm populations of native species;
- Having a reliable, dedicated funding source that is adequate to combat aquatic invasive species is critical to the public's continued enjoyment of New Hampshire waterways, and the economic benefits that result;
- This is an issue affecting multiple states. Other states that have recently separated invasive species fees from boat registration fees in order to comply with Coast Guard regulations have lost a significant amount of funding; and
- Passage of this bill allows time for agencies and advocates to work with the Coast Guard and federal stakeholders to explore potential federal solutions.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is composed of members from business, agriculture,

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hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony in support of HB 137, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or [MLT@naturesource.net](mailto:MLT@naturesource.net).

Sincerely,



Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

ec: Representatives Creighton, Vail, Harvey-Bolia, Harb, J. MacDonald, Post, Healey, and Horgan  
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<b>HOUSE BILLS</b>										
<a href="#">HB 56</a> LSR 0160 <a href="#">M. Murray</a>	relative to permits for the siting of new landfills.  Fiscal Note	Neutral WMD (TBD)	RMAC Track LMAC Support	E&A 2/21 1:00 LOB 303  Work session 2/28 9:30 Exec session 2/28 1:30						
<a href="#">HB 137</a> LSR 0332 <a href="#">J. Creighton</a>	relative to boating safety equipment rules and vessel numbering rules, and establishing a committee to study boat registrations fees.	Tracking Smagula/ Diers	RMAC <a href="#">Support</a> LMAC <a href="#">Support</a>	Trans. 2/21 10:45 LOB 203						
<a href="#">HB 186</a> LSR 0409 <a href="#">L. Stavis</a>	Relative to waivers for alternative sewage disposal systems.	<a href="#">Concerns</a> Trowbridge	RMAC <a href="#">Oppose</a> LMAC Track	RR&D 2/1 10:00 LOB 305-307 Exec. Session 2/8 10:30	Retained in Committee 2/8 20-0					
<a href="#">HB 212</a> LSR 0408 <a href="#">R. Rung</a>	appropriating funding for investigations, testing, and monitoring relative to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	<a href="#">Support</a> <a href="#">concept/</a> <a href="#">Neutral \$</a> Wimsatt	RMAC <a href="#">Support</a> LMAC Track	RR&D 1/25 9:00 LOB 305-307  Finance Division work session 3/3 1:30 LOB 212	OTP 2/8 20-0 To Finance	<b>OTP</b> 2/22 VV To Finance				



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<a href="#">HB 214</a> LSR 0322 <a href="#">R. Rung</a>	relative to limitations on the designation of a portion of the Merrimack River	<a href="#">Support</a> Diers/Sales	RMAC <a href="#">Support w/am.</a>	RR&D 2/1 11:30 LOB 305-307 Exec. Session 2/8 10:30	OTP 2/8 20-0	<b>OTP</b> 2/22 VV				
<a href="#">HB 236</a> LSR 410 <a href="#">B. Faulkner</a>	relative to condominium conversions under water and waste disposal laws and municipal ordinances.	<a href="#">Oppose</a> Trowbridge	RMAC <a href="#">Oppose</a> LMAC <a href="#">Oppose</a>	M&CG 2/1 1:30 LOB 301-303 Exec. Session 2/15 10:30 2/16 10:30						
<a href="#">HB 254</a> LSR 0297 <a href="#">A. Simpson</a>	relative to remote participation in public meetings under the right to know law	Tracking Monroe	RMAC Track LMAC Track	Judiciary 1/19 11:00 LOB 206-208 Exec. Session 2/1 9:00	ITL Maj. OTP Min. 2/1 13-7	<b>ITL</b> 2/23 VV				
<a href="#">HB 276</a> LSR 0176 <a href="#">R. Rung</a>	establishing the cyanobacteria mitigation loan fund.	<a href="#">Support concept/Neutral \$</a> Neils/Diers	RMAC <a href="#">Support</a> LMAC Track	RR&D 1/25 10:00 LOB 305-307 <b>Finance Division work session</b> <b>3/3 2:00</b> LOB 212	<a href="#">OTP-A</a> 2/8 17-3 To Finance	<a href="#">OTP-A</a> 2/22 199-160 To Finance				
<a href="#">HB 308</a> LSR 0468 <a href="#">F. Nutter-Upham</a>	relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence.	Tracking Monroe	RMAC <a href="#">Support</a> LMAC <a href="#">Support</a>	Judiciary 1/19 1:30 LOB 206-208 Exec Session 2/1 9:00	<a href="#">OTP-A</a> Maj. ITL Min. 2/1 15-5	<a href="#">OTP-A</a> 222-127				

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<a href="#">HB 311</a> LSR 0456 <a href="#">T. Buco</a>	making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for eligible wastewater projects.	Tracking Woods	RMAC <a href="#">Support</a> LMAC <a href="#">Support</a>	Finance 1/26 10:00 LOB 210-211 Work Session 1/31 11:00 LOB 212						
<a href="#">HB 448</a> LSR 0385 <a href="#">M. Bordes</a>	relative to Lake Winnepesaukee speed limitations.		LMAC Track	RR&D <b>3/8 1:00</b> SH Rep's Hall						
<a href="#">HB 472</a> LSR 0550 <a href="#">K. Crawford</a>	relative to the placement of temporary seasonal docks.	Tracking Forst	RMAC Track LMAC <a href="#">Support w/am.</a>	RR&D 1/25 1:00 LOB 305-307 Exec. Session 2/8 10:30	Retained in Committee 2/8 20-0					
<a href="#">HB 592</a> LSR 0334 <a href="#">J. Horgan</a>	relative to buffers around wetlands.	<a href="#">Tracking</a> Forst	RMAC <a href="#">Oppose</a> LMAC <a href="#">Oppose</a>	RR&D 2/1 2:30 LOB 305-307 Exec. Session 2/8 10:30	ITL 2/8 19-0	<b>ITL</b> 2/22 VV				
<b>SENATE BILLS</b>										
<a href="#">SB 12</a> LSR 0612 <a href="#">D. Watters</a>	relative to the leasing of seasonal camp lots by the fish and game department.		RMAC Track				E&NR 1/17 9:00 SH 103	OTP 1/17, 5-0	OTP 1/18 VV	

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<a href="#">SB 60</a> LSR 963 <a href="#">J. Gray</a>	relative to water quality.	<a href="#">Support</a> Diers	RMAC Track LMAC Track				E&NR 2/7 9:00 SH 103			
<a href="#">SB 61</a> LSR 927 <a href="#">K. Avard</a>	relative to surface water setbacks for landfills.	<a href="#">Neutral</a> Wimsatt	RMAC Track LMAC Track				E&NR 1/24 9:30 SH 103	<a href="#">OTP-A</a> 2/22 5-0	3/9	
<a href="#">SB 159</a> LSR 0784 <a href="#">D Fenton</a>	relative to permits for the siting of new landfills.	Neutral Wimsatt	RMAC Track LMAC Track				E&NR 2/15 1:15 SH 103			
<a href="#">SB 229</a> LSR 1051 <a href="#">J Bradley</a>	Relative to administration of certain wetlands permits by the department of environmental services.	Forst	RMAC Track				E&NR 2/7 9:30 SH 103	OTP 2/7 5-0	3/9	
<a href="#">SB 258</a> LSR 1014 <a href="#">Perkins Kwoka</a>	Relative to the disposal of highway or turnpike funded real estate.		RMAC Track LMAC Track				Transportation 1/31 1:15 LOB 101	OTP 2/14 5-0	OTP 2/22 VV	

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**Withdrawn LSRs:**

**LSRs and Bills Removed as not relevant to rivers or lakes management:** [HB297/LSR507](#)

*Governor & Executive  
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(02/22/23)*



# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Executive Council

STATE HOUSE ROOM 207

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Executive Councilor Cinde Warmington

## Governor and Executive Council Meeting Report

State House, Concord, New Hampshire

February 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

### I. Highlighted Issues

The full meeting agenda, quick results, and audio recordings can be found [here](#). Minutes for each meeting are approved at the following Executive Council meeting.

- **ADDITIONAL \$40 MILLION FOR BROADBAND IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.** The Executive Council approved, 5-0, an additional \$40 million to bring high-speed broadband services to nearly 25,000 previously unserved or underserved locations in the most rural parts of our state ([Item #47](#)). After the first investment of \$65 million to bring internet to more people across New Hampshire, I have been working with the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to ensure the rural communities in Cheshire, Coös, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, and Sullivan counties have access to this once-in-a-generation opportunity. **I am happy to report that, with this new investment, a total of 9,002 locations in District 2 will be connected.** Of those, 26 will be in Acworth, 368 in Alstead, 624 in Bethlehem, 26 in Carroll, 614 in Croydon, 529 in Franconia, 280 in Hancock, 169 in Langdon, 3 in Lincoln, 11 in Lisbon, 1,032 in Littleton, 4 in Marlow, 134 in New London, 1,201 in Newbury, 718 in Springfield, 302 in Sugar Hill, 586 in Sunapee, 7 in Sutton, 1 in Walpole, and 2,367 in Winchester.
- **LOCAL RESTAURANT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM EXTENDED.** The application period for the Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program has been extended *until Wednesday, March 15, 2022 at 4:00PM*. Two restaurants in Littleton and Newport were awarded a total \$26,000 to be reimbursed for eligible equipment, infrastructure, and technology purchases made because of, or in response to, the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples of potentially eligible expenses for reimbursement include equipment or software to expand or adopt digital services such as online reservations, host-less check in, at-table payment systems, menus that help provide more flexibility and increase capacity, HVAC system updates to improve COVID-19 mitigation, and more. All local restaurateurs who continue to bear a heavy burden due to the pandemic are encouraged to apply. **For more information on eligibility requirements and to obtain an application, click [here](#).**

## II. Resignations, Confirmations, and Nominations

### Resignations

- **Justice, New Hampshire Superior Court – Diane Nicolosi of Concord**
- Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics – Anne Dalton of Manchester
- Waste Management Council – Donald Hamann of Rochester

### Confirmations

- Justice, New Hampshire Circuit Court – Amy Manchester of Hudson
- Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals – Régent Champigny of Hollis
- Business Finance Authority, Board of Directors – Catherine Provencher of Merrimack
- **Business Finance Authority, Board of Directors – F. Daniel Henderson, Jr. of Hancock**
- **Business Finance Authority, Board of Directors – Matthew Benson of Concord**
- Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice – James Boffetti of Litchfield
- Fire Standards and Training Commission – Jason Smedick of Goffstown
- Fire Standards and Training Commission – Robert Field of Manchester
- **Higher Education Commission – Kim Mooney of Keene**
- Lakes Management Advisory Committee – Steven Wingate of Mirror Lake
- **Lakes Management Advisory Committee – Richard Smith of Hancock**
- Midwifery Council – Martha Testerman of Chichester
- Oil Fund Disbursement Board – Shane McKinney of Albany
- **Rivers Management Advisory Committee – Larry Spencer of Plymouth**
- **Rivers Management Advisory Committee – Christopher Hodgdon of Contoocook**
- Rivers Management Advisory Committee – Cory Ritz of New Ipswich
- State Radiation Advisory Committee – Debra Ann Albrecht of Conway
- State Radiation Advisory Committee – James Tarzia of East Hampstead
- State Veterans Council – Madeline Dreusicke of Pelham
- State Veterans Council – Roger Sevigny of Dover

### Nominations

- Air Resources Council – David Cribbie of Belmont
- Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation – Marian Mitchell of Hooksett
- Fish and Game Commission – Jim Titone of Seabrook
- Judicial Retirement Plan Board of Trustees – Crystal Dionne of Candia
- **Judicial Retirement Plan Board of Trustees – Deborah Butler of Concord**
- New Hampshire State Council on the Arts – Catherine Sununu of Exeter
- New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board – William Haynes, Jr. of Center Barnstead
- Public Water Access Advisory Board – Sheila Burke of Meredith
- **Site Selection Committee – Charles DeCurtis of Bradford**
- **Waste Management Council – Mark Gomez of Concord**

Interested candidates wanting to apply for an open position on a state board or commission are encouraged to send their resume, with a letter of interest, to the governor’s Director of Appointments and Liaison to the Executive Council Deanna Jurius ([Deanna.E.Jurius@nh.gov](mailto:Deanna.E.Jurius@nh.gov)). A comprehensive list of New Hampshire state boards and commissions can be found in the online “Red Book” [here](#).

### III. Items of Specific Interest to District 2

**The following items of interest to District 2 were APPROVED:**

#### #5 MOP 150, I, B (5): Other Items

##### ***DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES***

###### *Division for Behavioral Health*

**#B.** Authorize to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/20/22, Item #20), to continue raising awareness of the connection between Substance Use Disorder and Brain Injury, by exercising a contract renewal option with no change to the price limitation of \$200,000 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

###### *Division for Public Health Services*

**#C.** Authorize to amend an existing contract with On-site Medical Services, LLC, Claremont, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #13), to continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines, and other vaccines, as directed by the Department, and to provide COVID-19 telehealth services for oral therapeutics, by exercising a renewal option with no change to the price limitation of \$9,375,000 and extending the completion date from February 28, 2023 to August 31, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

##### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

###### *Division of Finance and Procurement*

**#11** Authorize to accept and expend additional Federal Revenue in the amount of \$51,508,288 to support anticipated costs of the increase in Medicaid caseload resulting from COVID-19 pandemic. (2) Further authorize the allocation of the funds as detailed in the letter dated January 23, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 17, 2023.**

*Division of Economic and Housing Stability*

**#18** Authorize to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/18/19, Item #32), for the continuation of Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Housing program and support services for individuals and families facing homelessness through the Federal Continuum of Care Program, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the total price limitation by \$123,475 from \$359,036 to \$482,511 and extending the completion date from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

*Division of Behavioral Health*

**#20** Authorize to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing cooperative project agreement with University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/6/18, Item #19), for the continued provision of a substance use disorder workforce development plan, by increasing the price limitation by \$285,000 from \$1,229,435 to \$1,514,435 and by extending the completion date from March 14, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Effective March 14, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**#21** Authorize the Division of Project Development to accept and expend revenue in the amount of \$10,457,500 from the Federal Highway Administration for various local municipal projects. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 17, 2023.**

**#28** Authorize the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with J Hutchins Inc., Richmond, VT, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,897,125.28, for a pavement resurfacing of three sections in five towns (Littleton, Bethlehem, Haverhill, Carroll and Hart's Location) in Districts 1 and 2. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$244,856.26 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 22, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

**#29** Authorize the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into an agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc., Keene, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$1,655,470.43, for improvements to NH Route 101 in the City of Keene. Effective upon G&C approval through February 28, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**



## COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

[#37](#) Authorize to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with the Disability Rights Center, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/9/22, Item #41), by increasing the contract price by \$25,000 from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and extending the completion date from April 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023, for the purpose of building and maintaining a coalition of people with disabilities, family members, advocates, service providers and other to identify barriers and opportunities to expand the use of supported decision making in NH. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

[#38](#) Authorize to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/15/22, Item #77), for security services at the State Military Reservation in Concord, NH, by decreasing the price limitation by \$560,682 from \$24,779.04 to \$1,917,222. (2) Further authorize the Department to decrease the contingency line limitation by \$24,779.04 from \$49,558.08 to \$24,779.04, for additional security services for unforeseen events requiring additional security presence bringing the contract total to \$1,942,001.04. Effective **retroactive** to February 1, 2023, upon G&C approval with no change to the end date of June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

[#41](#) Authorize to amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 2/16/22, Item #67A), to make program changes to the New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund program, which helps mitigate financial hardships suffered by NH homeowners associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. No increase in funding is requested at this time. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 17, 2023.**

[#42](#) Authorize to finalize the grant agreements using signed terms and conditions and in the amounts indicated as detailed in the letter dated February 8, 2023 totaling \$141,868 from the approved accept and expend of \$3,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds previously approved on November 22, 2021, to grant funds to support the Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Funds Program designed to help address workforce issues and overall restaurant safety challenges experienced by small, locally-owned restaurants across the State. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

[#47](#) Authorize the Division of Economic Development to enter into a contract with Consolidated Enterprise Services, Inc. (CCI), Mattoon, IL in the amount of \$40,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act Capital Project Fund for the buildout of broadband services to the unserved and underserved addresses identified in the RFP proposal submitted by CCI. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**

## NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

[#49](#) Authorize to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Eastern Analytical, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/7/22, Item #70), to perform the required NPDES permit wastewater monitoring chemical analysis of water samples at all six fish hatchery facilities, by increasing the price limitation by \$30,000 from \$32,460 to \$62,460. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **75% Federal Funds, 25% Fish and Game Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

[#52](#) Authorize the Division of Historical Resources to award a Conservation Number Plate (Moose Plate) grant to the Town of Henniker/Tucker Free Library in the amount of \$20,000 for masonry repairs to the library. (2) Further authorize an advance payment in the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with the terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income).**

[#54](#) Authorize the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music Inc., Nelson, NH, in the amount of \$13,500 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% General Funds.**

[#55](#) Authorize the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Arts Alive!, Keene, NH, in the amount of \$7,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% General Funds.**

[#57](#) Authorize the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to the Upper Valley Music Center, Lebanon, NH, in the amount of \$12,250 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

[#71](#) Authorize to award a grant to the City of Keene, in the amount not to exceed \$285,330, for the Main Street Sewer Rehabilitation and Flood Management project. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize a loan agreement with the City of Keene, in an amount not to exceed \$1,376,270, to finance the Main Street Sewer Rehabilitation project under the provision of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq 500 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds.**

[#72](#) Authorize to award a grant to the City of Keene, in the amount not to exceed \$276,240, for the Drainage Lining Program project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 1, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize a loan agreement with the City of Keene, in an amount not to exceed \$644,560, to finance the Drainage Lining project under the provision of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq 500 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- [#77](#) Authorize the Bureau of Career Development to hold an organized meeting on August 7th and 8th 2023, at a conference center to be determined for a total conference cost not to exceed \$50,000 to provide statewide summer learning series for Career and Technical Education educators and administrators. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**
- [#78](#) Authorize the Bureau of Educational Opportunities to enter into a contract with SchoolWorks, LLC, Southwick, MA, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to provide Education Training Services as requested by the Office of Charter Schools. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**
- [#79](#) Authorize the Division of Learner Support to enter into a **sole source** contract with Applied Learning Technology Associates Corp, Henderson, CO, in an amount not to exceed \$34,000, to manage the Migrant Parent Empowerment Consortium and carry out all of the work detailed in the approved grant for year three. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**
- [#80](#) Authorize the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into a **sole source** contract with Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire, Stratham, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$776,049, to provide Mentor 2.0, an evidence-based one-on-one mentoring program for students with disabilities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**
- [#81](#) Authorize the Division of Learner Support, Bureau of Instructional Support, to enter into a **sole source** contract with WestEd, San Francisco, CA, in the amount of \$1,180,095, to support NH public and public chartered schools that have been identified for Targeted Support and Improvement, and for Comprehensive Support and Improvement. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

- [#91](#) Authorize the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to amend the grant agreement with the City of Keene (originally approved by G&C on 6/29/22, Item #179), by increasing the grant amount by \$3,267 from \$26,934 to \$30,201, for the purchase and installation of computer conferencing equipment, with no change in the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**
- [#92](#) Authorize the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to retroactively amend an existing grant agreement with the Town of Surry (originally approved by G&C on 6/2/21, Item #112), to extend the completion date from August 31, 2022 to August 31, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**#94** Authorize to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the purpose of subgranting funds to existing subgrantees to address the increased need for victim services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 17, 2023.**

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

**#107** Authorize to enter into a **retroactive** contract with Howard P. Fairfield, LLC, Hopkinton, NH, in the amount of \$378,574.17, for spreader parts – compuspread, with the option to renew for an additional two years. Effective upon G&C approval for the period November 22, 2022 through October 31, 2025.

**#109** Authorize the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with RTH Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Portsmouth, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$1,650,495, for Boiler Replacements Concord Prison for Men, Concord, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through September 15, 2024. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$200,000 for unanticipated site expenses for Boiler Replacements Concord Prison for Men, Concord, NH, bringing the total to \$1,850,495. (3) Further authorize the amount of \$21,000 for payment to the DAS Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$1,871,495. **100% Capital Funds.**

**The following items were WITHDRAWN by the AGENCY:**

## DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**#33** Authorize, on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, to enter into a sole source amendment to an existing contract with Konica Minolta Business Solutions, U.S.A., Inc., Ramsey, NJ (originally approved by G&C on 6/29/22, Item #77), to add funding to support system enhancements and upgrades as needed by DHHS, that were not included in the prior action, by increasing the price limitation by \$198,849 from \$481,151 to \$680,000, with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other (Agency Class 27) Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**#73** Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton Bay.

#### IV. Next Meeting of the Executive Council

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governor and Executive Council is on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 10 a.m. and will take place at the State House. The agenda will be posted on the preceding Friday on the Secretary of State's website [here](#).

**Every meeting of the Governor and Executive Council continues to be available to the public by a live audio feed.** Members of the public can tune in live to upcoming meetings by calling in to (603) 931-4944 and entering the following phone conference ID when prompted: 594 751 883 # *(PLEASE NOTE: The conference ID number has changed)*. Any updates to this information will be published on the Executive Council website [here](#) and included in future post-meeting reports.

Councilor Warmington may be reached at [cinde.warmington@nh.gov](mailto:cinde.warmington@nh.gov).

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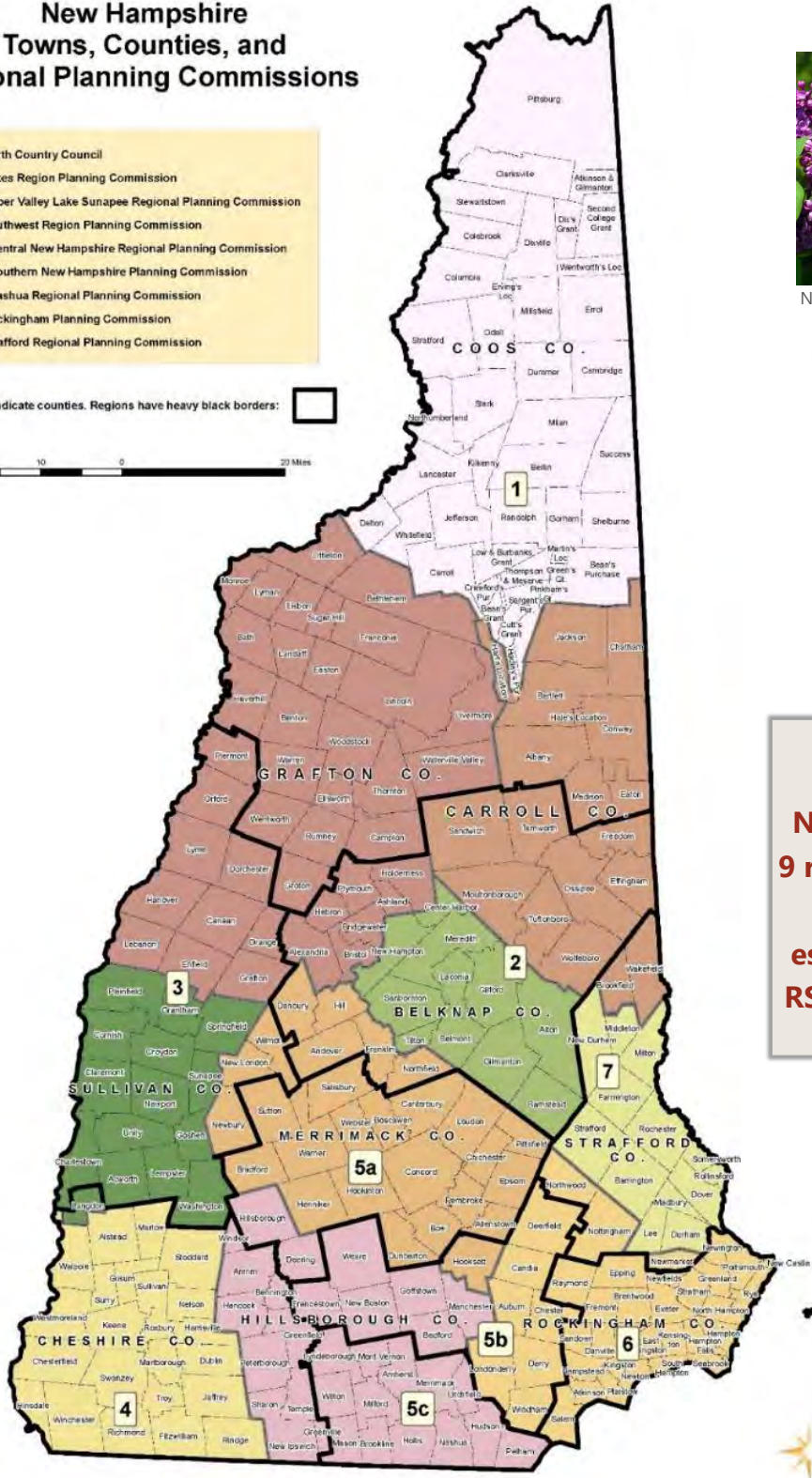
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# New Hampshire Towns, Counties, and Regional Planning Commissions

- 1. North Country Council
- 2. Lakes Region Planning Commission
- 3. Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
- 4. Southwest Region Planning Commission
- 5a. Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission
- 5b. Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
- 5c. Nashua Regional Planning Commission
- 6. Rockingham Planning Commission
- 7. Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Colors indicate counties. Regions have heavy black borders: 



New Hampshire State Flower  
Purple Lilac

**LRPC is one of  
New Hampshire's  
9 regional planning  
commissions  
established under  
RSA 36:46 in 1969.**



NH Office of Strategic Initiatives, May 2018





# A Message from the Executive Director



## Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022 proved to be a year of renewal and capacity building for the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The pandemic hit our operations hard, making it difficult to hold in person meetings and achieve quorums. Our staff strived to become proficient with new software which allowed online work and new remote meeting strategies, but some staff retired or moved on. However, our operations rebounded greatly in fiscal year 2022. LRPC hired three new key positions. Linda Waldron is our new Administrative Assistant, and has been providing exceptional service to our organization from direct membership and commissioner services to maintaining an organized and pleasant office environment for staff.

LRPC advertised, but was not able to fill its full-time Principal Planner position, so instead invested in a new Senior Transportation Planner position which is being filled by Sean Chamberlin. As a recent graduate from UNH in civil engineering, Sean is providing outstanding transportation planning services to our member communities.

Another staff transition occurred in our Solid Waste Management program. Paige Wilson, our star intern turned full-time planner from PSU, was offered a great new promotion opportunity with the Department of Environmental Services and, of course, we supported her career move. However, that left us with a large hole to fill. Luckily, we were able to hire Matt Rose, who has a great background, to work with our communities on a range of issues surrounding solid waste management.

In addition to staff capacity, we updated many of our organizational systems. We invested in a new computer network replacing our seven year old server. We also now have a new high speed internet connection through a fiber optic provider, allowing us to move our phone and video conferencing system onto a voice over internet protocol (VoIP) system.

The real capstone to Fiscal Year 2022 was our long anticipated 55th annual meeting celebration. We honored the hundreds of commissioners who dedicated their time and efforts to improving their communities while simultaneously being committed to a healthy and prosperous Lakes Region. Many community awards were made, and our long-term Commissioner and Executive Board member John Cotton was honored.

Thank you for your support of our organization which bolsters regional thinking and is always looking ahead towards the future. Stay well.

Jeffrey Hayes, MRP  
Executive Director

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**Plan Regionally. Grow Locally.**



# Our Region

## Who We Are

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of local communities that pools its resources to obtain a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of services. An Executive Board, together with the Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by an Executive Director and implemented by professional planners, specialists, and support staff. LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities.

## Mission

Our mission is to provide effective planning in order to achieve and sustain a quality environment, a dynamic economy, and local cultural values by supporting community efforts through leadership, education, technical assistance, information, advocacy, coordination, and responsive representation.

## Municipalities

Alton*	Hill
Alexandria	Holderness
Andover	Laconia
Ashland	Meredith
Barnstead	Moultonborough
Belmont	New Hampton
Bridgewater	Northfield
Bristol	Ossipee
Center Harbor	Plymouth
Danbury	Sanbornton
Effingham	Sandwich
Franklin	Tamworth
Freedom	Tilton
Gilford	Tuftonboro
Gilmanton	Wolfeboro
Hebron	

\*Alton is currently a non-member



# Commissioners & Executive Board

## FY22 COMMISSIONERS

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<b>Alexandria</b> Chet Caron, <i>Alt.</i>	<b>Franklin</b> Tony Giunta	<b>New Hampton</b> David E. Katz
<b>Andover</b> Vacant	<b>Freedom</b> Jean Marshall Mark McConkey	<b>Northfield</b> Wayne Crowley Douglas Read
<b>Ashland</b> Mardean Badger	<b>Gilford</b> John Ayer	<b>Ossipee</b> Vacant
<b>Barnstead</b> David Kerr	<b>Gilmanton</b> Vacant	<b>Plymouth</b> Bill Bolton Zachary Tirrell John Randlett
<b>Belmont</b> George Condodemetraky	<b>Hebron</b> Vacant	<b>Sanbornton</b> Ian Raymond
<b>Bridgewater</b> Ken Weidman	<b>Hill</b> Vacant	<b>Sandwich</b> Bonnie Osler David Rabinowitz
<b>Bristol</b> William Dowey Steve Favorite	<b>Holderness</b> Robert Snelling	<b>Tamworth</b> Patricia Farley Kelly Goodson Wyatt Berrier, <i>Alt.</i> Aaron Ricker
<b>Center Harbor</b> Mark Hildebrand	<b>Laconia</b> Dean Anson, II Rob Mora Stacy Soucy	<b>Tilton</b> Lee Ann Moynihan Jeanie Forrester, <i>Alt.</i>
<b>Danbury</b> John Taylor	<b>Meredith</b> Ann Butler Lynn Montana	<b>Tuftonboro</b> Stephen Wingate
<b>Effingham</b> Mark Hempton	<b>Moultonborough</b> Cristina Ashijan Celeste Burns	<b>Wolfeboro</b> Roger F. Murray, III

## FY21-22 Executive Board

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### OFFICERS

<b>Chair</b>	John Ayer
<b>Vice Chair</b>	David Katz
<b>Secretary</b>	Patricia Farley
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Kerr

### AREA COMMISSIONERS

<b>Area 1</b>	Tony Giunta
<b>Area 2</b>	Robert Snelling
<b>Area 3</b>	Jean Marshall
<b>Area 4</b>	Dean Anson, II

### AT LARGE COMMISSIONERS

<b>Area 1</b>	Bill Bolton
<b>Area 1</b>	Steve Favorite
<b>Area 2</b>	Mardean Badger
<b>Area 3</b>	Stephen Wingate

### Thank You to Outgoing Commissioners

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Tony Giunta, Ann Butler,  
Lynn Montana, John Randlett,  
Ian Raymond, Aaron Ricker

### Special Thanks to Outgoing Executive Board Members

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Tony Giunta, Area 1 Commissioner  
Jean Marshall, Area 3 Commissioner

# Regional Highlights & Accomplishments

## Development of Regional Impact (DRI)

We performed four (4) DRI reviews, pursuant to NH RSA 36:54, for the planning and/or zoning boards of Effingham, Laconia, Moultonborough, and Northfield.

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

We coordinated our 36th annual HHW collection days for the region during the Summer of 2022. This event was widely promoted and resulted in the removal of nearly 27 tons of hazardous waste preventing possible groundwater contamination, negative effects on human health, and mitigating potential illegal dumping and disposal throughout the Lakes Region.

**Total Regional Savings: Priceless**

## Intergovernmental Review Process (IRP)

The LRPC continues to monitor and review project notices under the New Hampshire Intergovernmental Review Agreement, a process that requires public notification to the regional planning commissions of all projects in the region intended to receive federal financial support.

**Total Reviews Completed: 12**

**Project Totals: \$47,918,901.30**

## Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)

In December 2021, \$4.7 million in matching grants were awarded by the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program supporting over 40 historic preservation and land conservation projects in 27 towns and cities throughout New Hampshire. LRPC's Principal Planner served on the Board of Directors. Regional projects were funded in the Town of Andover (Andover Town Hall & Potter Place Railroad Station), Town of Belmont (Gale School), City of Franklin (Franklin Congregational Christian Church), Town of Gilmanton (Old Town Hall), Town of New Hampton (Huckins Farm), and Town of Wolfeboro (Whiteface Access Lot Acquisition).

**Projects Funded: 7**

**Project Totals: \$784,395.00**

## Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC)

We provided administrative and technical support to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC), a state-chartered advisory committee under the NHDES Rivers Management and Protection Program. In FY22, we successfully applied for corridor management plan update funding. We expect to complete the update by the end of FY23. The Pemi River runs for 65 miles through 9 member communities, ending in Franklin to converge with the Winnepesaukee River, forming the 117-mile-long Merrimack River.

**Total Communities Served: 9**

## Economic Development Assistance Accomplishments

Provided grant writing and grant administration assistance to several successful Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) projects as the designated local development district for our region including Bristol's fiber optics infrastructure, Laconia's Belknap Mill conference/meeting space restoration, and NH Tech School hospitality/tourism infrastructure improvements. Served Belknap, Carroll, and Grafton counties in providing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise and special COVID assistance to economic development corporations serving the region. Successfully de-obligated a \$1 million NBRC Grant award to the former State School property in Laconia given recent changes in State law on disposing of State surplus property.

# Regional Highlights & Accomplishments

## Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

Contracted with Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) to address RSA requirements that regional planning commissions complete a housing needs assessment every 5 years. Completed template for statewide housing needs and a toolbox to help communities implement their housing goals. Reviewed and analyzed over 80 datasets on regional and statewide housing conditions. Received public input from hundreds of individuals and businesses through a series of surveys. Scheduled to deliver complete assessment in December 2022 to full Commission for adoption consideration. We developed new population projections for our counties and towns working with other regional planning commissions and state agencies.

## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Transportation Advisory Committee prioritized over \$6.1 million in regional projects for the State Ten Year Transportation Plan.

## Solid Waste Management Accomplishments

Held over 6 roundtable discussions with solid waste operators on a variety of topics including educating area youth on composting and solid waste management techniques at Plymouth State University's Earth Day event. Helped reduce critical waste stream from Winnepesaukee islands by supporting composting and other waste stream reduction efforts at several camps in Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro. Conducted dozens of transfer station site visits to share and collect information on regional best practices and solid waste management. Piloted new battery disposal collection effort saving town's hundreds of dollars. Researched new and improved Veteran-owned non-profit which recycles clothing and works with statewide groups to distribute some clothing locally. Researched all relevant Lakes Region Home Depot and Lowes locations that contain free drop off locations for universal waste including rechargeable batteries, CFL lightbulbs, and plastic bags.

## Capacity Building

The LRPC hired a Senior Transportation Planner, Solid Waste Planner, and a fulltime Administrative Assistant. We installed a new computer network replacing a 7 year old system, a new VOIP phone system, and a high speed internet connection to improve work performance and data preservation. A new lease was signed on the Humiston Building in downtown Meredith. Staff participated in over 20 training programs. Two staff members offered their expertise statewide by contributing to the NH Municipal Association's *New Hampshire Town and City* magazine on the topics of regional housing and sidewalk planning.

## Land Use Books Regional Purchase

We handled the regional bulk purchase and delivery of the annual edition of the *New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulations* books. 29 out of 30 member communities ordered the books at a savings of \$89.00 per book and \$81.50 per book with supplemental e-book.

**Total Regional Savings: \$33,180**

# Local Highlights

## FY22 Local Contracted Projects Included:

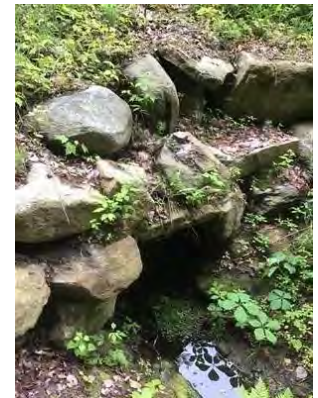
<b>Bridgewater</b>	Homeland Security & Emergency Management Plan
<b>Bristol</b>	Master Plan Development
<b>Center Harbor</b>	Circuit Rider for Town Planner Services
<b>Hebron</b>	Road Surface Management System
<b>Northfield</b>	Circuit Rider for Town Planner Services
<b>Plymouth</b>	Circuit Rider for Town Planner Services Road Surface Management System Culverts and Closed Drainage Systems
<b>Tilton</b>	Homeland Security & Emergency Management Plan
<b>Tuftonboro</b>	Homeland Security & Emergency Management Plan



Hebron RSMS - Rutting on Bear Mountain Road



Plymouth - Culvert



Plymouth - Stormwater Drain

### Member Services we provide include:

- Circuit Rider Assistance
- Master Plans
- Capital Improvement Plans
- Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Zoning & Site Plan Regulations
- Culvert Inventory & Assessment
- Road Surface Management System (RSMS)
- GIS Mapping

# Economic Development

## Grant Administration

### Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)

### State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program

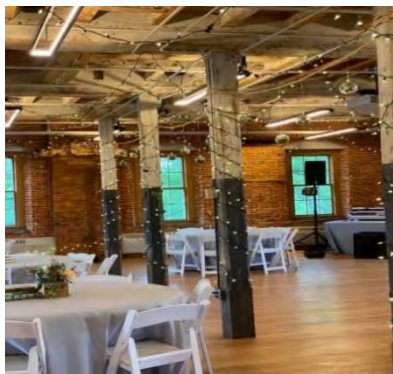
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The Lakes Region Planning Commission provided grant administration assistance to two member communities (3 projects) that had been awarded NBRC economic infrastructure grants.

- **Bristol - Town fiber optics infrastructure:** The Town of Bristol received funding to construct a 3-mile, middle mile fiber-optic cable network. Its goal was to create economic growth by providing a high-speed, voice and video latency compliant, internet network and backhaul for cellular and wireless needs for businesses, residents, and municipal offices. This project closed on 9/30/2021.



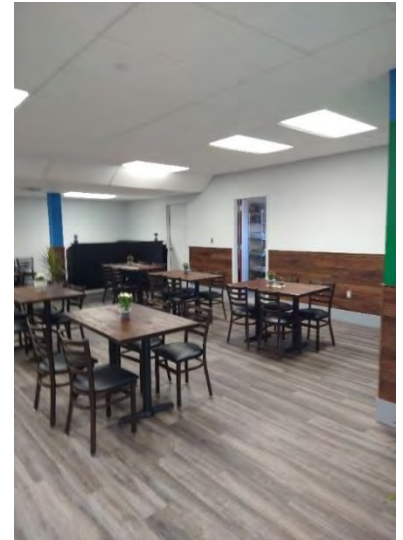
- **Laconia – Belknap Mill Conference/Meeting Space Restoration:** This project involved the renovation/restoration of the interior of the Belknap Mill which helped stabilize the historic structure and enabled continued and increased educational programming and job creation/retention. This project closed on 9/30/2021.



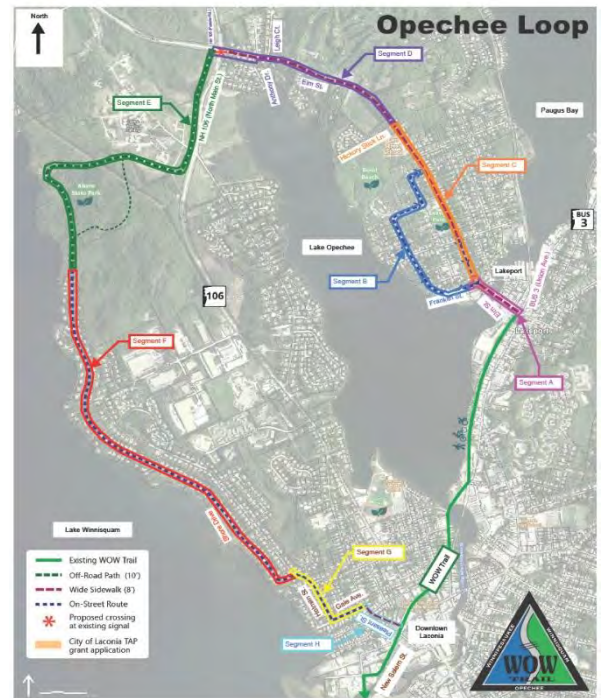
# Economic Development

## Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program – cont.

- **Laconia - NH Tech School Hospitality/Tourism Infrastructure Improvements:** Renovation of 4,685 sq. ft. of space to create two teaching laboratories and a dining room facility was provided to expand on-campus educational and training opportunities for those interested in entering the hospitality and tourism industries. This project closed on 9/30/2021.



- **Laconia – WOW Trail/Opechee Loop:** The LRPC also assisted the City of Laconia in applying for and obtaining a NBRC award for the extending the existing multi-use WOW bike trail in Laconia, which is a portion of the “Opechee Loop”. The WOW trail connects Laconia and the Weirs along a scenic route, allowing a connection that avoids growing vehicle traffic on the road. Grant Amount: \$225,000; Total Project Amount: \$450,000.



Courtesy of: wowtrail.org



# Economic Development

## Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

The Lakes Region Planning Commission provided grant writing and administration services to three community development projects as follows:

- **Town of Wolfeboro – Global Action Local Awareness (GALA):** The Town of Wolfeboro received a CDBG award which was sub-granted to the non-profit group GALA (name recently changed to Makers Mill) for the renovation of a building located at 23 Bay Street in Wolfeboro to establish a Makers Mill/Makerspace & Vacation Hub. This building will assist individuals or emerging businesses to come together to garner and share their various skills, tools, and technologies with others in the community. This project closed on 12/30/2021.

Before



After



- **Grafton County – Microenterprise Technical Assistance Award:** The microenterprise program helped foster economic development by supporting organizations that provide a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services to low- and moderate-income microbusiness owners and start-ups (those with fewer than 5 employees). This project was awarded to Grafton County who contracted with 3 subagencies to assist with this task. The first agency was the Belknap Regional Development Council (who also partnered with Grafton Regional Development Commission (GRDC), Coos Economic Development Council (CEDC), and Wentworth Economic Development Council (WEDC)). The other two agencies were Northern Community Investment Council and Women’s Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN). This project closed on 6/30/2022.
- **Grafton County – Microenterprise Technical Assistance COVID-19 Project:** This COVID microenterprise assistance grant supported qualifying microenterprises adversely impacted by COVID-19. Business owners who qualified received assistance in the form of equipment grants coverage for operating expenses. This project closed on 12/31/2021.

# Household Hazardous Waste

## Summer 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

The LRPC coordinated the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for the 36<sup>th</sup> consecutive year which was held in Belmont, Franklin, Gilford, and Meredith the last Saturday in July and in Bristol, Laconia, Moultonborough, and Ossipee the first Saturday in August with 24 communities participating in this event.

65 workers and volunteers contributed more than 350 hours to the program this year.

A total of 1,697 vehicles/households were guided through the eight collection sites during this municipal and community event. This resulted in 53,515 pounds (nearly 27 tons) of hazardous waste being collected and properly disposed of including various types of universal waste such as 17,696 feet (or 3.3 miles) of fluorescent tubing and 937 compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs).

The LRPC partnered with the Loon Preservation Committee to collect illegal lead fishing tackle at this year's event. Lead poisoning from ingested lead fishing tackle is the leading known cause of adult loon mortality in New Hampshire.

Total HHW Appropriations: \$102,999 from 25 municipalities.

Collection dates for 2023 are currently scheduled to be Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on this program, participating municipalities, maps to the sites, accepted and unaccepted items, as well as alternative disposal options, please visit us at [www.lakesrpc.org](http://www.lakesrpc.org).

*Franklin Collection Event*



Coordinator Barry Weeks (Meredith) checks for universal waste.



Greeting participants and conducting surveys (Meredith).

# Solid Waste Management

## USDA Solid Waste Management Grant Highlights and Accomplishments FY 2022-23

**Project Summary:** The primary purposes of the Lakes Region Planning Commission's (LRPC) Solid Waste Management (SWM) project are to provide technical assistance and training to solid waste operators in order to:

- Reduce the quantity and toxicity of our solid waste stream
- Increase community awareness about local waste management challenges
- Lower costs associated with solid waste management
- Create more sustainable, resilient communities
- Promote safety for Solid Waste Operators/residents entering our transfer stations.

This project took a multi-pronged approach to providing education, hands-on technical assistance, and training to Solid Waste Operators (SWO), community leaders, town committees, local businesses, and residents in New Hampshire's Lakes Region which will, in turn:

- Reduce the quantity of organics, bulk waste, hazardous materials, and recyclables entering the municipal solid waste stream
- Improve the cost-effectiveness of waste disposal and recycling for municipalities as a result in reduced waste volumes
- Provide more comprehensive data for local, regional, and state use
- Increase opportunities for regionalization of waste contracts and large purchases
- Increase the efficiency of solid waste facilities by implementing best practices on-site and developing infrastructure
- Protect the Lakes Region's water quality (the region contains 40% of New Hampshire's surface waters)
- Increase of innovative tactics for reducing complex materials from our waste stream.

Experienced LRPC staff managed the grant, directed the activities, and spearheaded the project tasks. Experts from NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and regional solid waste organizations may be utilized when applicable.

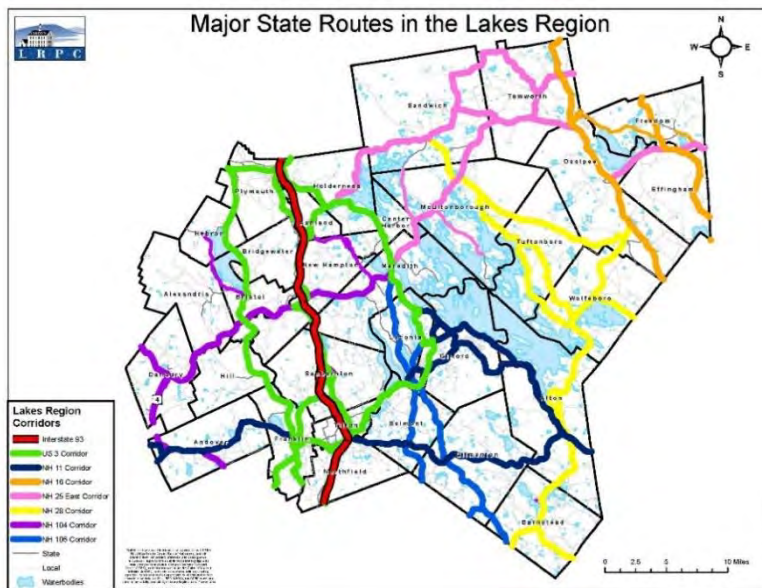
### Activities/outcomes from this project have included:

1. Public problem-solving/information sessions, online webinars, hands-on workshops, and demonstrations to promote discussions about waste challenges and brainstorm creative solutions and visions for the region.
2. Expanding current efforts to reduce and divert food waste by working with municipalities, citizen groups, and community stakeholders to implement more composting programs and waste reduction practices.
3. Collecting, synthesizing, and visualizing regional solid waste data to identify trends and help communities make better disposal decisions. Maps, visuals, and written reports will be shared and used to better communicate solid waste topics with SWO, community leaders, and the public.
4. Researching and sharing best practices for recycling methods and site design at solid waste facilities in the region. This includes stormwater management/mitigation.
5. Researching sources of emerging contaminants including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS/PFOAS) substances and increasing local awareness about the associated health risks.
6. Building local awareness about the economic, environmental, and social impacts of our waste stream among SWO, residents, municipal officials (selectboards, planning boards, conservation commissions, etc.), schools, and local businesses through educational materials, interactive workshops, and discussions. This will, in part, be accomplished by working with local water advisory groups to communicate pollution impacts on our waterways and wildlife.
7. Organizing our annual 2-day regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections to protect water resources from risks of illegal dumping of hazardous materials. Promoting the event to increase participation with our target audience.
8. Providing technical assistance to municipalities or other public, eligible entities to apply for loan and/or grant funding to develop solid waste infrastructure/recycling capacity and encourage regional cooperative efforts among municipalities.
9. Extending public outreach impacts using social media, local news outlets (newspapers, public TV, radio), and the LRPC website. The Lakes Region Planning Commission will capitalize on its 30 years of leading regional HHW collections and extensive knowledge of solid waste practices from previous grant work.

# Transportation

## Regional Transportation Plan

- The LRPC is in the process of updating the Long-Range Transportation Plan.
- The plan examines current and past regional conditions and integrates the considerations of the environment and natural resources, economics, demographics, land use, and infrastructure to develop a plan that looks over Lakes Region Transportation needs over 10 years into the future.
- Developed new corridor-based analysis approach to regional transportation plan update. Each corridor section includes community demographics, crash data, roadway conditions, current projects and project recommendations, bicycle and pedestrian, freight, rail, air, and more.



## Ten Year Plan (TYP) Funding and Project Prioritization

### TYP 2023 – 2032:

- Laconia – Elm Street sidewalk and path
- Laconia – Weirs Boulevard bridge replacement
- Meredith – NH Route 25 intersection improvements at Laker Lane, True Road, Quarry Road, and Patrician Shores
- Plymouth – NH Route 25 Tenney Mountain Highway intersection improvements at Smith Bridge Road

### TYP 2025 – 2034:

- Regional Allocation - \$5.1 million (based on population and number of lane miles)
- Fiscally constrained highway segments and intersections
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements



# Transportation



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

- Vision and Goals for Bikeable and Walkable Region-Goals and Accomplishments
- Bicycling and Pedestrian Projects (Existing and Desired)
- Conducted a Bike-Ped Trends and Public Input Survey with 633 surveys completed
- Regional Planning Recommendations
- State Bike-Ped Plan – LRPC reviewed and provided comments in March 2022



## Streetscaping and Sidewalk Planning

Designed for all roadway users, whether they are driving, riding, walking, or rolling (wheelchair, stroller).

### Elements of a streetscape are:

- sidewalks
- planters
- lighting
- curb extensions
- seating
- bike parking
- landscaped buffers
- public art

The overall goal of the project is to improve design character and safety of the street, boost economic development, and promote social activity.

### LRPC Streetscaping Project – Technical Assistance:

- provided information on streetscaping concepts
- offered sidewalk assessments and mapping
- met with Town Officials to discuss potential projects
- provided information on potential funding sources



## Transportation and Land Use

LRPC has provided planning and zoning assistance for transportation and streetscaping.

### Mixed Use Zoning

- blends housing, offices, retail, entertainment, institutions, services, and restaurants
- pedestrian-friendly

### Form-Based Codes

- development pattern similar to what exists
- relationship between buildings and the public realm (streets, sidewalks, etc.), and the form and mass of buildings in relation to one another



# Transportation



## Data Collection & SADES Programs

- Municipal Traffic Counts
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts
- Turning Movement Counts
- SADES (Statewide Asset Data Exchange System)
  - Road Surface Management System (RSMS) – pavement assessment, forecasting, and budgeting
  - Culvert & Closed Drainage Structure (CCDS) – inventory along with basic structural measurement & assessment <https://nhsades.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>
  - Stream Assessment – inventory and detailed assessment of permanent stream crossings – structure and landscape with full Geofluvial and aquatic organism passage analysis
  - Guardrail Inventory – inventory, assessment, and mapping of guardrails
  - Sidewalk Assessment – inventory, assessment, and mapping of sidewalks



## Traditional Transportation Funding Assistance Provided

- TYP (Ten Year Plan Funding)
- TAP (Transportation Alternatives)
- CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality)
- HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program)



## Alternative Transportation Funding Assistance Provided

- Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC)
- USDA CF (US Department of Agriculture Community Facilities)
- BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)

The US Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have a variety of competitive grant programs used to fund various types of transportation projects and activities. These programs can be matched with potential applicants for matching funds. It provides \$550 billion in new Federal investment in infrastructure including roads, bridges, and mass transit, water infrastructure, resilience, and broadband.

# Transportation

## Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

### FY22 Voting Members

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### Thank You to Our Outgoing Members

Rick Ball, James Goodwin, Joanne Haight,  
Sheldon Morgan, Paul Perkins, Brian Sullivan,  
Johnny Van Tassel

# Commissioner Meeting Summary

## SEPTEMBER 2021 – The Impacts of Wake Boats



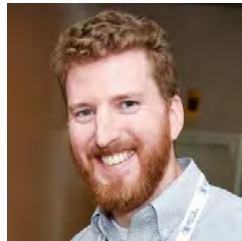
The first Commissioner Meeting of the fiscal year was held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Meredith Community Center. Guest speakers Michelle Davis of NH Lakes and State Representative Suzanne Smith, State Wake Boat Study Commission Chair gave a joint update on the positive and negative aspects of wake boats. Steve Wingate, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission/LRPC Commissioner also spoke describing a 2021 Boat Wake Study he was involved in as a citizen volunteer. FY22 budget and FY23 membership dues appropriations were approved as presented.

## OCTOBER 2021 – NHDES Statewide Recycling Efforts

October's Commissioner Meeting was held at the Moultonborough Public Library on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The topic for this meeting was Updates of Recycling Markets and NH's Solid Waste Legislation. LRPC's Paige Wilson, Solid Waste Planner and Assistant Grants Administrator provided an overview of LRPC's Solid Waste Management Program and introduced guest speaker Michael Nork of the NH Department of Environmental Services and Heather Herring of Northeast Resource Recovery Association. Mr. Nork's presentation focused primarily on updates regarding recent solid waste legislation while Ms. Herring described her organization as being the facilitator bringing together municipalities selling recyclables and the companies who purchase them. She gave an update of current recycling markets and trends.



Paige Wilson



Michael Nork, NH DES



Heather Herring, NRRRA

## MARCH 2022 – Regional Transportation Plan

March 28<sup>th</sup>'s Commissioner Meeting held at the Plymouth Town Hall focused on updates to the Lakes Region Transportation Program. Updates were provided on the Regional Transportation Plan including corridors, walking, bicycle and pedestrian plan surveys, streetscaping & sidewalk planning, sidewalk assessments, alternative funding sources, and the ten-year plan.

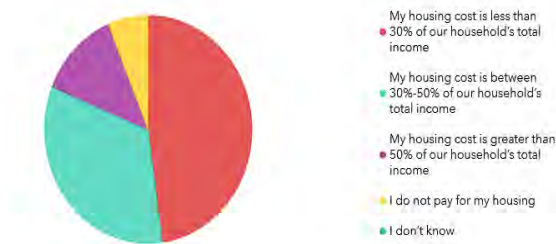




# Commissioner Meeting Summary

## APRIL 2022 – Regional Housing Needs

Commissioner Meeting of April 25th at the Tufonboro Free Library centered around Lakes Region Housing Needs Assessment updates. LRPC's Dave Jeffers gave a presentation highlighting some preliminary results of the surveys that are being circulated, noting that this project will also meet the requirements of RSA 36 which requires RPCs to complete regional housing needs assessments approximately every 5 years.



In addition to our own surveys, we are also working with other RPCs and agencies doing research and data gathering with an eye towards formulating a 'toolkit' of strategies which can be adopted by our cities/towns to assist them in their attempts to resolve housing needs in their communities.

## MAY 2022 – Keeping Hazardous Waste in Check

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Overview & Impact was the topic of the May 23rd Commissioner Meeting at the Gilford Public Library. Identifying various types of household hazardous waste and disposal options, including utilization of the LRPC's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days, was presented by Dave Jeffers, Regional Planner. Current funding for these efforts is provided by municipal appropriations and competitive grants, as well as donations. It was noted that the Lakes Region generates approximately 500,000 pounds of HHW per year, but only around 64,000 – 86,000 pounds is collected. A recent addition to our staff, Solid Waste Planner Matt Rose spoke about how, working within a grant, he has purchased a medical sharps informational pamphlet and some sharps clips which hold 1,500 needle points allowing for proper disposal and plans on undertaking outreach efforts to promote this method of disposal during the HHW collection days as well as visiting various sites to talk to residents and provide them with handouts.

**Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections**

**How much stuff are we talking about?**

- How much is out there?
  - US EPA estimates that each person in the US generates 4 gallons of HHW per year.
- Applied to Lakes Region, that is 500,000 lbs/year! (Based on year-round population)
- Each year we collect 64,000 – 86,000 pounds of HHW per year (approx. 15% of what is generated)



# Commissioner Meeting Summary

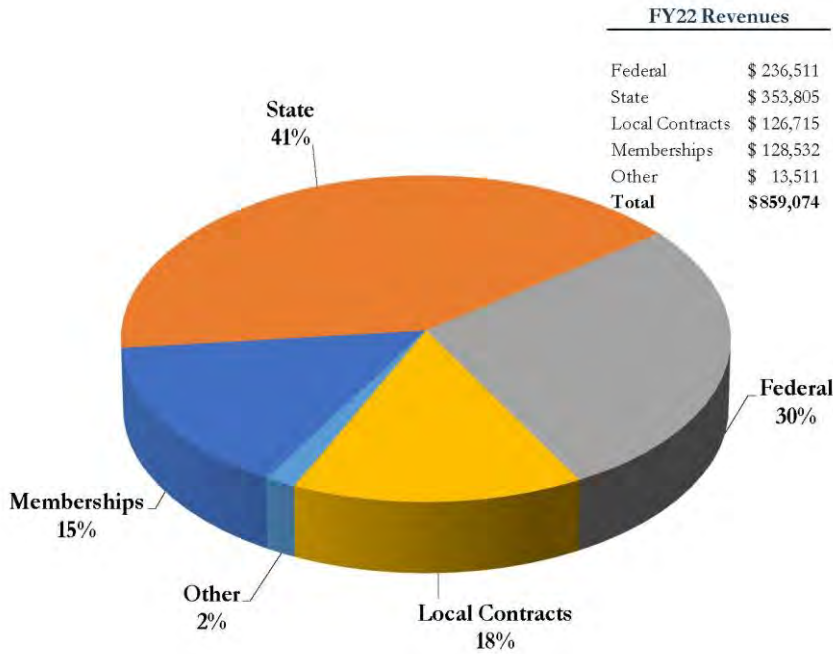
## JUNE 2022 – Franklin Whitewater Park

The Commissioner Meeting for June was held in conjunction with our 55th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration on the 29th. Approximately 115 municipal, regional, and political guests and friends joined the LRPC Commissioners, Executive Board, and staff for this celebration. Guest speaker Marty Parichand, Executive Director of Mill City Park, highlighted the renovations and achievements resulting in reinvigorating the City of Franklin. The LRPC presented 5 Awards of Excellence, 3 Community Service Awards, 8 Household Hazardous Waste Awards, as well as a special award to our Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator, Dave Jeffers. By-Law changes and amendments were on the agenda and after a motion to accept the changes as drafted, and a motion to second, via a show of hands, the motion was carried with no opposition. Additionally, an election of Officers and Executive Board members for FY23 was held. After the ballots were tallied, the results were unanimous to accept the ballot as presented.



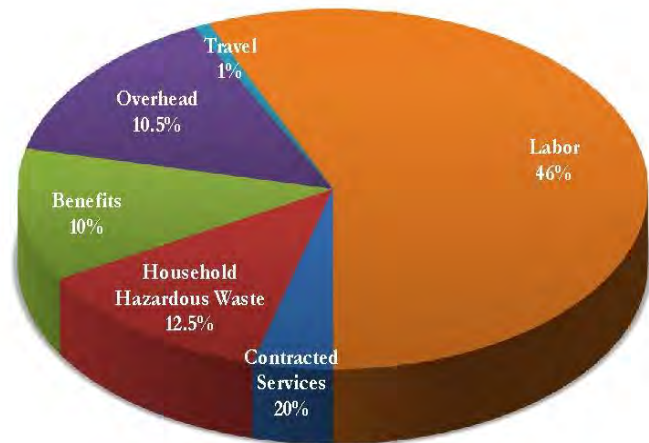
# FY22 Budget Summary

The FY22 audit was presented to the Executive Board by the independent audit firm of Hennessey & Vallee, PLLC on September 14, 2022. The charts below show the distribution of actual revenue and expenses from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 while the following page depicts revenue by program.



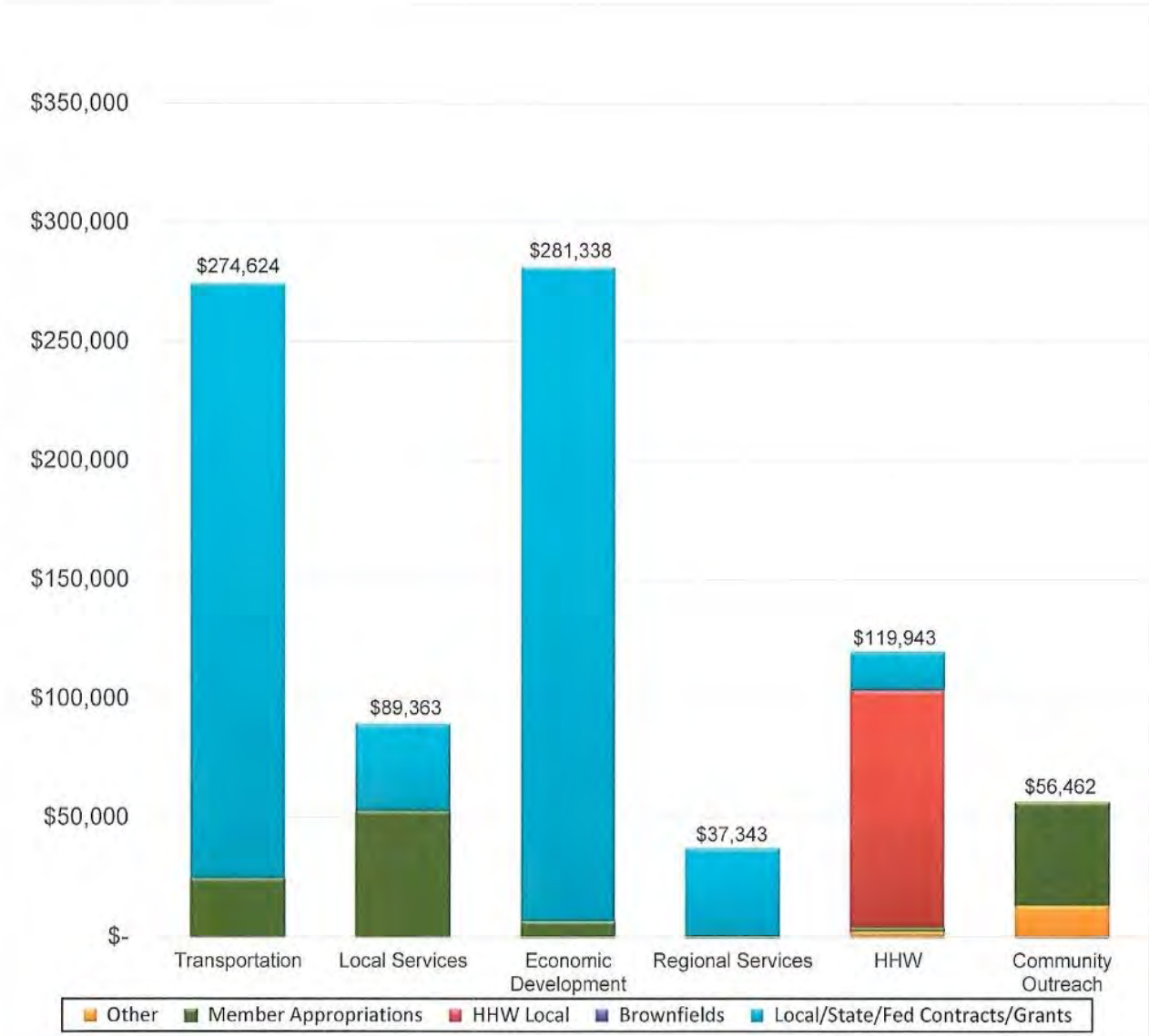
**FY22 Expenses**

Contracted Services	\$ 33,657
Household Hazardous	\$102,247
Benefits	\$ 97,605
Overhead	\$115,438
Travel	\$ 6,489
Labor	\$ 460,777
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$816,213</b>



# FY22 Budget Summary

## FY22 Revenue by Program



# Annual Audit Letter

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners  
Lakes Region Planning Commission

### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Lakes Region Planning Commission, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of Lakes Region Planning Commission, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Commission, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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# Annual Audit Letter

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3-6 and the Schedule of Pension Liabilities and Contributions on pages 23 and 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statement. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 7, 2022, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Hennessey & Vallee, PLLC*  
Hennessey & Vallee, PLLC  
Concord, New Hampshire  
September 7, 2022

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New Hampshire State Bird  
Purple Finch

## FY22 Staff

Executive Director	Jeff Hayes
Finance Administrator	Carl Carder
Principal Planner	Susan Slack
Regional Planner	David Jeffers
Solid Waste Planner	Paige Wilson   Matthew Rose
Sr. Transportation Planner	Sean Chamberlin
Assistant Planner	Jessica Bighinatti
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Executive Assistant	Tracey Ciriello
Administrative Assistant	Linda Waldron
Transportation Technician	Allen Constant
Transportation Housing Intern	Eilish Bennett
Transportation Housing Intern	Alex Lermond
Transportation & GIS Intern	Ryan Paterson

## FY22 Staff Training

- FEMA Training Webinar: Flood Maps for the Winnepesaukee Basin
- Pavement Presentation Webinar through T2
- Road Maintenance 101
- ESRI Online Tutorials on Survey 123, Story Maps, and Arc Business Analyst
- New England States VPI Workshop
- CNHRPC Commute Smart Training Webinar
- Taking a Look at the New 2020 Census Data for New Hampshire Communities Webinar
- Grant Writing Webinar through EPA
- NHDES Webinar: "Ticked Off"
- NHDES Conference: Drinking Source Protection
- USDA Roundtable: Exploring Food Waste Solutions
- NHDES SWO Training: Full Cost Accounting
- NHMA ARPA: Roundtable discussions for Belknap & Carroll County
- FEMA BCA Training
- WEP FY22 Civil Rights Training
- EV Charging 101 Webinar hosted by Drive Electric NH
- New England States VPI Workshop
- USDOT Webinar: How to Apply for the FY22 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity
- USDOT Webinar: Reconnecting Communities . . . and more

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Lloyd Wood

### WOLFEBORO

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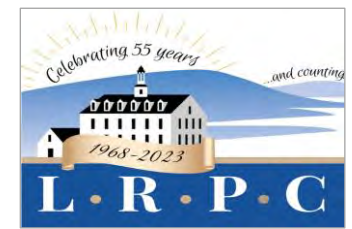
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# FY23 Meeting Calendar\*

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023



## July – December 2022

Executive Board	September 14, 2022	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	FY22 Audit Presentation FY23 Calendar
COMMISSION	SEPTEMBER 26, 2022	MONDAY	6–8 PM	Lake Opechee Inn Laconia	FY23 Budget Approval Housing Affordability Trends (Dave) and How Invest NH Funds Can Help (Susan)
Executive Board	October 12, 2022	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	FY24 Dues Allocation and FY23 LRPC Annual Report
COMMISSION	OCTOBER 24, 2022	MONDAY	6–8 PM	Moultonborough Public Library	FY23 SW Mgt Grant (Matt) and HHW (Dave) Overview
Executive Board	November 9, 2022	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	Ten Year Transportation Plan Priorities (Sean) Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant Application
COMMISSION	NOVEMBER 28, 2022	MONDAY	6–8 PM	Pease Public Library Plymouth	Transportation Program Overview (Sean) Data Collection & GIS Programs (Ryan)
Executive Board	<b>December 7, 2022*</b>	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	*Requested meeting date change

## January – June 2023

Executive Board	March 8, 2023	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	FY24 Budget Proposal   Open Board Positions   SB47 – Commission to Study Barriers to Increased Density of Residential Development in NH
COMMISSION	MARCH 27, 2023	MONDAY	6–8 PM	Hobbs Tavern West Ossipee	Regional Housing Needs Toolbox Implementation (Dave and Christine)
Executive Board	April 12, 2023	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	
COMMISSION	APRIL 24, 2023	MONDAY	6–8 PM	Meredith Library	Transportation Planning Update (Sean & Ryan)
Executive Board	May 10, 2023	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	
COMMISSION	MAY 22, 2023	MONDAY	6–8 PM	Lake Opechee Inn Laconia	Solid Waste and HHW Collection Days (Matt & Dave)
Executive Board	June 14, 2023	Wednesday	9–11 AM	LRPC, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl Conf Rm	
ANNUAL MEETING	June 26, 2023	Monday	4:30–8 PM <i>tentative start time</i>	Church Landing at Mill Falls Meredith	Renewable Energy Panel Annual Meeting • Dinner & Awards

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Items*

# Bill would allow New Hampshire cities, towns to pass rent controls

By ETHAN DEWITT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE BULLETIN

New Hampshire cities and towns would be allowed to set their own rent controls on large developments — including limitations on how quickly rents could rise — under a bill proposed in the House this year.

House Bill 95 would allow municipalities to cap the amount that certain landlords can increase rents and allow the municipalities to choose the limit they wanted.

The bill would also allow cities and towns to require a certain amount of time to pass before landlords could increase a tenant's rent. Currently, state law requires at least 30 days' notice; the proposed bill would allow cities to increase that.

Sponsored by Rep. Ellen Read, a Newmarket Democrat, the bill would allow towns to introduce such controls only on what are known as "restricted" properties. They could not pass controls on "non-restricted properties," defined in state law as single-family homes whose owner does not own more than three homes; rental properties in buildings with fewer than five units; or single-family homes acquired by banks through foreclosure.

Speaking at a hearing Wednesday, Read said the bill was meant to address the "major, major housing crisis" facing the state.

"It is truly an emergency. People are getting pushed out of their homes, but not just their homes. They're getting pushed out of entire towns — entire regions. And once you're pushed out of a region, you are pushed out of your job, for most people."

Read cited a case in her town of Newmarket when a developer bought a multi-family housing property in 2022 and then raised rents on its tenants. The move prompted tenants in eight of

the 14 total units to move elsewhere, citing the rental increase, New Hampshire Public Radio reported.

"To specifically go into the business of displacing people out of their homes for profit I find to be predatory," she said.

The bill is intended to allow towns to set in place rent stabilization measures, Read said. She argued that towns are more nimble than the Legislature in creating policy and could reverse or ease any rent controls created should the bill pass. And she predicted that few towns would seek aggressive rent controls anyway, given that that could restrict property sales and valuations and reduce tax revenue.

"Who are we in Concord to say Newmarket doesn't know what's in Newmarket's best interest, even though Newmarket would have the ability to quickly repeal that?" she asked.

Some lawmakers appeared skeptical.

Rep. Josh Yokela, a Fremont Republican, raised concerns that the legislation would enable towns to pass rent controls through bylaws — which don't need community approval — rather than through warrant articles or ballot initiatives, which do. Read said the nature of the housing crisis caused her to prefer an approach that allowed towns to move quickly.

"They're not at all predisposed to doing this. In fact, I imagine it's going to take quite the crisis in any given town before a town council or a select board is going to do something like this."

The New Hampshire Association of Realtors is opposed to the bill.

"Realtors certainly recognize the impetus behind this legislation," said Joanie McIntire, president of the New Hampshire Association of Realtors, pointing to low vacancy rates and high rents that she said were pricing many low and middle-income tenants out.

"However, we think this bill could make matters worse by constraining the housing supply even further," she added. If passed, the bill would lead to a "patchwork of ever-changing local ordinances," which would discourage new construction and increase rents for tenants in towns that didn't have rent stabilization, McIntire argued.

McIntire pointed to other tools she said communities should use to encourage affordable rental housing, such as providing property-tax breaks for new developments that meet affordable housing standards. The best way to address affordable housing and rental crisis is to encourage a higher density of apartments, McIntire said.

But others are supportive. Kerstin Cornell, a staff attorney at New Hampshire Legal Assistance, said she has worked with low-income tenants facing eviction, and has seen cases where rents were doubled by landlords. Some of those tenants are leaving the state, Cornell said.

"This is resulting in not only homelessness, and not only people having nowhere to go; it's also resulting in deaths," she said.

Cornell argued the bill would help communities balance their financial needs with the state's welfare statute, which requires cities and towns to

address people in need in their towns.

Jane Haigh, a member of the Manchester Housing Alliance, an activist group, argued that increasing rental units alone would not solve the immediate problem.

"The idea that if all these units come online rents will suddenly become more affordable is really magical thinking," she said. "Frankly, the affordable units don't pencil out, and I think we're going to have to come up with systems to really subsidize developers to build more."

"In the meantime," Haigh added, "people are being pushed out of their apartments and are living in cars, if they have a car, or on couches if they have a friend."

The bill will receive a vote in the committee at a later date, with a vote on the House floor to follow.

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agencies across the government to assess how the federal government could remove legal barriers to providers prescribing abortion medication.

"Let us not be tired or discouraged," Harris said. "Because we are on the right side of history."

The marches, seen as a way to engage newer activists and energize their ranks for a long fight ahead, also drew veterans such as Diana Wiener, 82, who showed up at the New York City event with the handmade

sign she has carried to protests for five years. The sign reads "Never Again."

Wiener said she had an illegal abortion in the Bronx in 1959, more than a decade before Roe v. Wade — an experience that fuels her fury at the court's decision to overturn it, and her worry that too few younger women are engaged in the fight for women's rights.

"They have no idea what happened before. We had no birth control really," she said. The court decision "will not stop abortions, it will only kill women."

In Madison, Wisconsin, the day's marquee event, thousands of women bundled in thick coats and pink hats marched down State Street, the crowd quickly doubling, then tripling in size despite the 26-degree cold. Among the protesters was Kim Schultz, 63, a first-time Women's March participant who said she felt compelled to be there after the loss of Roe's protections.

"It's unbelievable. It's too far of a step backwards," she said. "I was just stunned and enraged that we could go back in time like this."



# Increase in housing units statewide doesn't relieve current crisis

By **SRUTHI GOPALAKRISHNAN**  
THE CONCORD MONITOR

Permits to build homes in New Hampshire increased by more than 11% in 2021, according to a report released by the state Department of Business and Economic Affairs, adding more than 9,000 units to the state's housing stock and a second consecutive year of growth.

The report showed that despite the increase in permits by municipalities in 2021, the number of new units continues to still be far behind the state's growing demand for starter homes and affordable housing necessary to attract workers.

The number of permits broken down by county reveal competing trends in different parts of the state. For example, the state's most populous county — Hillsborough — unsurprisingly has the most new housing units with 1,652, an increase of 62% over the previous year. However, the number of permits for single-family homes actually decreased from 2020 to 2021, meaning all of the growth came from multi-family units. In fact, the number of permits issued for complexes with five or more units more than tripled from 281 to 959 in one year.

By contrast, desirable Rockingham County, which includes the Seacoast, saw the opposite trend. The total number of building permits issued declined by 16%, from 1,166 in 2020 to 982 in 2021. While the county saw an increase in two-family units, permits for single-family and multi-family dwellings with more than three units drastically declined in one year.

Merrimack County, which includes Concord, saw increases in permits for single-family homes, duplexes and complexes with five or more units. Overall, building permits increased 12% from 434 in 2020 to 486 in 2021.

Multiple construction projects are in the pipeline in Concord, including as many as 300 units at the Rail Yards near downtown and 64 units on Main Street at the former Department of Employment Security location. They haven't been completed yet and haven't released any pressure on the housing market.

The state's housing shortage, with rising rents and low vacancy rates, is a main factor impeding workforce expansion, state officials say. Often, the circumstance pushes employers to take up the role of real estate agents to help new employees find housing.

To achieve a balanced housing market where supply meets demand — considered to be a 5% rental vacancy rate and a 2% ownership vacancy rate — the state needs to add more than 66,000 units by 2030.

Dave Cummings, communications director at New Hampshire Association of Realtors, said it's been almost eight years since the state has had a balanced housing market.

"We're clearly now in a seller's market," said Cummings. "It's just that sellers have all the leverage in terms of sales because there's so few."

A significant change this year is the permitting of huge projects, the majority of which are multi-family housing. Multi-family housing accounted for approximately 45% of all permits issued in the state, while single-family permits declined in practically every town and city across the state.

Data from the report shows that several communities led the state for housing growth, each of which contributed more than 100 units. The town of Merrimack had the most units (618), followed by Nashua

(376), and Londonderry (200), Rochester (152), Concord (134), Manchester (124), and Epping (114).

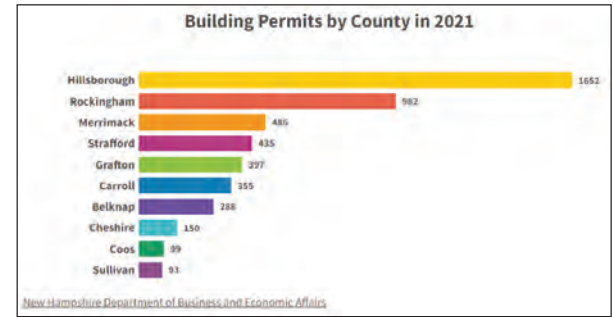
These seven communities comprised 35% of all units permitted in 2021.

Demolitions resulted in a drop in housing supply in eight communities.

In order to boost the state's housing supply, Noah Hodgetts, a principal planner at the state's Municipal and Regional Assistance Program, noted that confining construction to cities and larger towns is insufficient.

"We're headed in the right direction, but we need to be permitting a lot more," said Hodgetts. "A little

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This chart shows the number of building permits issued in each of New Hampshire's counties in 2021. (Courtesy graphic)



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marijuana and even made to look like candy. That's why there is no safe experience when it comes to experimenting with drugs or taking something that is not prescribed to you."

Burns said SOS Recovery is seeing a lot of Xylazine (basically a large animal tranquilizer) making its way into street fentanyl, and also benzo-diazapenes.

Health care professionals should be cautious of possible Xylazine inclusion in fentanyl, heroin, and other illicit drug overdoses, as naloxone may not be able to reverse its effects, the FDA said in a recent press release.

"I have heard that there is a slight spike in OD rates but have nothing objective to go off," said Peter Fifield, program director at The Doorway at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, which is part of the state's treatment network. "I know the state just released an official statement regarding a warning of Xylazine in the local batches of opioids (fentanyl and/or heroin) and this is causing more overdose because it is not reversible by Narcan."

"Xylazine produces a deeper sleep, which further depresses the respiratory system," he said. "We still can use Naloxone, but are encouraging emergency responders to use rescue breathing because the combination

of drugs further depresses the respiratory system. Rescue breathing, checking pulse and chest compressions if needed can be required to try and save a life. It's a slower reversal process, so just Narcan may not be enough."

Lauren McGinley, executive director of the New Hampshire Harm Reduction Coalition, said the way people use drugs has dramatically changed.

"Bad batch alerts used to be routine," she said. "It would be high fentanyl content, but now, it's that and so much more. It is completely dangerous, but we have to recognize that people are using, will use and we need to find ways to eliminate the stigma and recognize this as the disease it is. We have lost too many good people."

Regular users are always at risk, but the danger is equally high for the weekend user, said McGinley. "A cocaine use might not be what you think you are getting for that recreational use. One time is all it takes."

**What can users do to be safer? Experts offer resources and advice**

Burns said drug users should never use alone. And the people they are with should have doses of Naloxone and know what to do if things go wrong.

"Inject smaller doses, test shots," said Burns. "Use a quarter of what you

would use normally and wait and see how you react before continuing. Go slower than ever before because we want to keep you alive."

"We can no longer say, 'Just don't do it,'" said McGinley. "I advocate test shots, too. I tell people go low and go slow. You can always add more but you cannot take any out. Have two doses of Narcan, a breathing mask and friends who know how to help. Behavior matters."

If no one can be with you when you use, there is a nationwide hotline — Never Use Alone, 800-484-3731.

"There is no judgment, no preaching, and it is anonymous," said McGinley. "The person you call will get your location and they will stay with you for about 30 minutes. You are only required to respond to them. If there is no response, they will send emergency services to you."

According to DEA Laboratory testing results in 2022, six out of 10 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills contained a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl, an increase from four out of 10 in 2021. These pills are made to look identical to real prescription medications — including OxyContin, Percocet,

Xanax and Adderall — but only contain filler and fentanyl and are often deadly.

Fentanyl test strips are handed out by New Hampshire Harm Reduction, SOS and many other agencies. The test strips will detect fentanyl in any drug, heroin, cocaine or others. It will not detect Xylazine or other substances mixed with drugs today.

"People who inject are at the highest risk," said Burns. "We are suggesting people sniff or smoke the substance instead. It will not eliminate the risk, but it can reduce it. These are unregulated drug supplies. Whatever we can do to encourage people to be safe, we will."

McGinley said people must be aware of who they are buying from, and testing the drugs is crucial.

"Test every substance out there," she said. "It takes two minutes. We give the kits out at our needle exchanges but also work with local partners not connected with that who can reach other populations."

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Site work begins on a house being built off Route 127 in Contoocook earlier this month. (Geoff Forester/Concord Monitor photo)

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bit of housing permitting activity from every community can help us get out of the crisis."

The disproportionate rates are evident in Merrimack County. While permit numbers in large communities such as Concord and Hooksett have climbed significantly, permits in Pembroke and Allenstown are significantly lower than the previous year. Pembroke permitted 55 units in 2020, whereas Allenstown permitted 49. However, by 2021, the numbers had plummeted to five and 11, respectively. Supply chain issues may account for some slow down, but not all.

Merrimack County administrator Ross Cunningham said that the coun-

ty's two population centers, Concord and Franklin, are working hard to ease the county's housing crisis and that the situation would improve when the efforts of different housing initiatives bear fruit. InvestNH, a funding program introduced by Gov. Chris Sununu last year to increase affordable rental units statewide, is one of them.

"The No. 1 challenge the county is facing is the supply of housing versus the demand," said Cunningham. "I think it leads into the fact of what our challenges are in dealing with homelessness in the county."

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## Barking on thin ice Belmont dog rescued after falling in lake

BY JON DECKER  
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

**B**ELMONT — Finn, a 6-year-old Australian shepherd-poodle mix, learned an important lesson about ice safety Tuesday night after becoming the Belmont Fire department's first water rescue of 2023.

"We got toned last night around 6:30 or 7, and it came in as a water rescue," Belmont Fire Chief Michael Newhall said. "It was a dog through the ice."

Finn's owner, Betsy Chapin, realized something was wrong after noticing Finn's absence.

"We have an electric fence. He went through at about 6:30 or 7 last night," Chapin recalled. "I have another dog. She stayed in her spot. She was acting a little weird."

After realizing Finn had made a successful escape, Chapin called for her missing dog.

"He didn't come, but he kept barking like he

wasn't moving," Chapin said. "I got in my car to go over to where I thought he might be."

Shortly after arriving at the nearby Lake Winnisquam, Chapin spotted Finn just over 40 feet from the shoreline.

"I saw him, his eyes were glaring," Chapin said. "I called 911 and the Belmont Fire Department came."

According to Chapin, firefighters Nate Manville, Jim Hayes and Lt. Chris Griffin responded to the scene.

Griffin inched his way across the ice toward Finn, anchored to a fellow responder and clad in a specialized

cold-water suit.

"When he got close enough to the dog, the ice actually broke underneath him," Newhall said. "But with the cold water suit on, he was fine."

Griffin has pulled humans out of the ice before, but this was his first time rescuing a dog.

"He was kinda hanging onto the shelf," Griffin said. "He saw us coming, and he was just kinda waiting and hoping. He was a good boy, let us help him out of the water and get him to shore. I'm glad he's uninjured."

Griffin picked up Finn

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**Betsy Chapin embraces Belmont Firefighter Chris Griffin Wednesday afternoon. Griffin and two other firefighters, Jim Hayes and Nate Manville rescued Chapin's dog Finn after he fell through the ice of Lake Winnisquam on Tuesday night. (Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun photo)**



## Who will pay for grander vision of WOW Trail at Lakeport Square?

BY ADAM DRAPCHO  
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

LACONIA — There are plans well underway to work on the Lakeport end of the WOW Trail. Those plans call for a new trail, known as the Opechee Loop, to spur from

Lakeport Square, follow Elm Street, and ultimately circle Lake Opechee to rejoin the WOW Trail downtown.

But there's a grander vision of what could happen at Lakeport, one that could make it a more attractive trailhead for people access-

ing the trail, or for trail users to pause in the middle of their walk or bike ride.

The alternative vision, presented in the form of a rendering, was suggested late last year by Paugus-Elm Development, the company owned by developer Scott Everett. The other

major players in this development, City Manager Kirk Beatie and WOW Trail President Allan Beetle, are all in favor of the concept. What they don't agree on, though, is who should lead the project, and assume funding responsibility.

Tim-James Everett, senior

adviser for Paugus-Elm, said the idea is to maximize the potential of the trail, "to pull the four corners of Lakeport together and make that a focal point of the WOW Trail." The concept, as illustrated in the

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This rendering shows a proposal for an expansion around the WOW Trail's terminus in Lakeport, including a covered gazebo, bike racks, benches, and a broad cobblestone walkway, wide enough for two directions of travel. (Courtesy graphic)

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rendering, includes a covered gazebo, bike racks, benches, and a broad cobblestone walkway, wide enough for two directions of travel, divided by a line of shade trees.

"It's going to take a lot of effort, some work with the WOW Trail to allocate some funds to make that happen," he said.

Beetle said the Opechee Loop is a concept the WOW Trail presented to city council more than a year ago, to give the 2.1-mile rail trail that goes from Belmont to Lakeport another pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly option, with possible loops through the State School property and Ahern Park.

"It would make it easier for neighborhoods, residents and visitors to access downtown, Lakeport, parks and beaches along the way. That's what the Opechee Loop would try to accomplish," Beetle said.

The first realization of that concept is to construct a new section from Lakeport Square, where the WOW Trail currently ends, across the Elm Street bridge, to the intersection of Franklin Street — a total distance of about two-tenths of a mile.

"Our first plan would be to get at least an 8-foot extension of that sidewalk to get on and off the WOW Trail. Then, about three or four months ago, Scott asked the WOW Trail people to get together. He unveiled a more ambitious, but similar intent, to make a more beautiful bicycle and pedestrian access point," Beetle said. He said he liked what Everett had in mind.

"It's more of a promenade, it's spectacular. It would be a beautiful addition to Lakeport, and to adjacent neighborhoods, getting in and out of Lakeport on a bike. We're all for it, the only question is now how to fund that project. It's beyond the funding that we were able to secure for that project."

Beetle said his organization has raised about \$450,000 for the project as the WOW Trail had initially planned it. That figure includes county and federal grants, as well as donations and fundraising. Beetle said the organization would contribute those funds to a more ambitious design, but he said Everett's vision, which would include relocation of utilities and construction of a new retaining wall, would likely cost more than double what he has on hand.

"The WOW Trail does not have the

funds to do it. We're sitting on the sidelines at the moment," Beetle said, though he added that his organization would help by looking for more grant funding.

"But this is a major project on city property, and needs to be led by the city. We will support them in any way that we can."

Tim-James Everett, in a follow-up email, clarified that Paugus-Elm's intent by sharing the rendering was "to show how nice that section of the trail could be if everyone teamed up to make it happen and make Lakeport Square really shine." He said the development company would donate some land, necessary to widen the trail as shown in the renderings.

"The financial piece would have to be figured out by all parties involved (city, WOW organization, others in the community who see value with this WOW focal point) either through city financial support, grants, private donations, fundraisers or a combination of those endeavors."

He wrote that the renderings were created "because sometimes a picture can be worth a thousand words ... not because we want to underwrite that piece of the trail or take the lead, just want to be a constructive member of a team that supports it, if there is enough interest from all constituents."

Beattie said the city is planning to assist the WOW Trail in its Lakeport development, and is also aware of the residential and commercial projects Paugus-Elm is pursuing.

"The city's position is that whatever we do for work in that area regarding the WOW Trail will be in cooperation with Mr. Everett's plans, and his plans will be in cooperation with the city and WOW Trail," Beattie said. "His work is on private land, and ours is on city-owned property. We do not want these projects to be built in a silo, rather, we want to work together to make sure that city/grant funds are being spent as intended and with the best final project possible."

Though it isn't clear who will take the reins for a grander Lakeport Square, Beattie expressed optimism that it would work itself out.

"The city, WOW Trail representatives and Mr. Everett have been communicating, and feel that we are all headed in the same direction," Beattie said.

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## Meredith recognized with 2022 Dr. Sylvio Dupuis Community Excellence Award

MANCHESTER — ExcellenceNorth Alliance has presented the “Dr. Sylvio Dupuis Community Excellence Award” to the Greater Meredith Community in recognition of its advancement of the vision for the area to be a year-round business, recreational and social hub for residents, workforce and visitors. The award honors Dr. Dupuis’ lifelong work to improve communities for the benefit of the citizens and families in New Hampshire. ENA presented the award at the Greater Meredith Program annual meeting on Jan. 20.

The vision has been fostered by the Greater Meredith Program, a community-based development organization with the mission to enhance economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and town-wide beautification. The GMP encourages and guides the community — individuals, businesses and groups — to ignite a volunteer spirit, be creative, find niches of community service, and assume responsibility to move on their ideas.

“From the Meredith sculpture walk to the career partnership program, I believe our volunteer-driven effort reflects the

true community spirit of our entire state and we are honored to be recognized as a Sylvio Dupuis Community of Excellence Award recipient and a possible model for other cities and towns to follow as a successful approach to balancing work, play, economic development and preservation,” says Mike Griffin, executive director of Greater Meredith Program. “We have robust participation from a wide variety of community leaders and volunteers and that is what makes the difference for us. It’s a team effort all the way.”

“Meredith reflects the spirit of this

award and the legacy of Dr. Dupuis,” explained Tom Raffio, chair of ENA’s board of directors and president and CEO of Northeast Delta Dental. “The results from the efforts of the Greater Meredith Program and community speak for themselves. Their work to promote the arts and nature while also building a healthy and robust area economy with real partnerships for career advancement is inspiring. We can all learn from the activities and lessons offered by these wonderful men and women in Meredith.”

## Charles F. Smith, Moultonborough town administrator, credentialed by international local government management organization

**MOULTONBOROUGH** — Charles F. Smith, MPA, town administrator of Moultonborough, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association. Smith is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration

or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Smith is qualified by having over seven years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment in 2021 as town administrator of Moultonborough, he served as the town administrator of Sanbornton, and town manager in Ashland.

Highlights of Smith's ICMA membership include being on ICMA's Annual Conference Planning Committee.

Charles F. Smith has also made significant contributions to other organizations, including membership since 2015 with the Municipal Management Association of New Hampshire and volunteering for his local community and nonprofit organizations.

For more information regarding the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program, contact Jenese Jackson at ICMA, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., #500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201; [jjackson@icma.org](mailto:jjackson@icma.org); 202-962-3556.

## The Loft at Hermit Woods to offer an evening with Anna May on February 2

**MEREDITH** — Anna May will perform at The Loft at Hermit Woods on Thursday, Feb. 2.

May's music has everything from tones of jazz to fresh interpretations of classic folk music.

She has performed at venues including the Wildflower Arts & Music Festival, the Boston Arts Festival, Treefort Music Festival, Folk Alliance Interna-

tional, Conor Byrne in Seattle, Crying Wolf in Nashville, Bar Redux in New Orleans and The Mint in Los Angeles.

A complimentary wine tasting is offered before the show at 5:30 p.m. The show begins at 6 p.m. with pianist David Lockwood.

Hermit Woods Winery and Eatery is at 72 Main St. For tickets, visit [hermitwoods.com/the-loft](http://hermitwoods.com/the-loft).

## Sister Hazel to headline at The Flying Monkey

**PLYMOUTH** — Platinum-selling, iconic country/rock band Sister Hazel will be bringing their energetic show featuring new music and chart-topping hits to play The Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Friday, Feb. 10.

Fans can expect a high-energy show with some brand-new Sister Hazel songs as well as popular fan favorites.

Doors open at 6 p.m. For additional information visit [flyingmonkeynh.com/events/sister-hazel](http://flyingmonkeynh.com/events/sister-hazel).

This event date is subject to state and local government guidelines for helping the community stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on Sister Hazel, visit [sisterhazel.com](http://sisterhazel.com).

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# Towns take up regulation of short-term rentals for various reasons

By CATHERINE McLAUGHLIN  
THE LACONIA DAILY SUN

GILFORD — Gilford residents will weigh short-term rental rules proposed by the town's planning board next month. The proposed regulations, which succeeded to the town warrant at the town deliberative session Tuesday without amendment, create detailed requirements for property owners around capacity, guest curfew, septic management, trash disposal, parking and property manager eligibility.

With climbing demand for listings near Lake Winnepesaukee and in the Gunstock Acres, Gilford has 234 active online short-term rental listings, according to the tracking platform AirDNA, second in the county and other surrounding towns only to Laconia's 250. Across the Lakes Region, about 99% of such rentals are full houses rather than spare rooms, apartments or in-law suites.

The popularity of short-term rentals has reached a nationwide zenith the past two years — alongside ballooning prices and dwindling supply of housing



Jon Decker/The Laconia Daily Sun illustration

to buy or rent. But as the Airbnb-defined short-term rental industry settles into its dominance of the lodging market, an increasing number of communities such as Gilford are grappling with what restrictions, if any, are right for them.

Critique of STRs falls into two primary genres.

In the first, neighbors complain about the behavior of short-term guests: they park too many cars in the wrong places, overburden utility systems, leave trash and food scraps out

attracting pests and are loud late into the evening.

In the second, rentals gobble up available homes and apartments. People who might otherwise sell or rent their residence instead list it on Airbnb, and homes that do come up for sale are quickly bought — often for well above market price — by out-of-staters looking for lucrative real estate investments. The slow metamorphosis of family homes into weekend-centric rentals means once tight-knit neighborhoods become ghost

towns midweek.

Which rules local towns choose to adopt, and how they are enforced, indicate which of these trends officials find most pressing, and whether they even see short-term rentals as a concern.

Gilford's proposed ordinance change aims at absentee owners and properties with behavior and maintenance issues.

"We don't have a problem with every short-term rental, mostly with absentee landlords," Planning Director John Ayer said. "We're trying to put in regulations so we can know who owns what and make sure they have rules in place."

Gilford's proposed rules prevent overly large parties of guests and emphasize the responsibility of property owners.

The rules limit capacity by specifying what can be defined as a sleeping area and how many people are allowed to stay per sleeping area in a house. The number of people on the property between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m. can't be larger than the sleeping capacity, imposing a curfew on large guest gather-

ings. To measure compliance, permit applicants would have to submit both site and floor plans.

Parking is limited to one space per sleeping area, and owners have to prove the capability of their home's septic system.

Importantly, owners must supply the town with contact information for themselves and, upon request, guests.

Gilford does not limit short-term rentals to owner-occupied properties, but its amendment indicates that owner-occupied listings don't pose an issue. These requirements only apply to rentals where the owner is not a resident of the home.

Town officials have considered, but decided against, owner-occupant requirements, Ayer said.

"We tried to strike a balance between regulating and allowing people to continue doing what they've been doing," Ayer said. "We determined that allowing some leeway for people is something that would work."

There have been many homes purchased exclusively for short-term rental and consequently

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some concerns about housing stock, according to Ayer, but none that outweigh beliefs of the benefit an ample rental supply brings to the local tourism industry.

Given Gilford's local economy, "the planning board felt inclined to allow people to rent their homes," Ayer said. "It's a concern, but we're continuing to allow the market to function, largely."

**Rules in other communities**

After forming a short-term rental committee in 2019, Meredith added a zoning ordinance that restricts rentals to family homes and caps bookings to 120 days per year.

Meredith's Community Development Director John Edgar reported to the committee that, as of 2020, 36% of Meredith's housing is "used in a recreational way." Edgar also had concerns about implementing rules that could not be enforced. In a public survey about short-term rentals, more than half of responses viewed them positively, and most negative comments focused on behaviors such as parking and safety concerns. Edgar was unavailable for comment.

In 2019, the Laconia City Council approved a new ordinance requiring short-term rental owners to be owner-occupants of the property they list. This means that, per the rule, it is their primary legal residence and that they stay there at least 150 nights per year. While some exceptions were added six months later, the ordinance's language declares outright its focus not just on disruptive rentals, but on the encroachment of the market on housing supply in residential neighborhoods.

Short-term rentals, the ordinance states, are restricted by Laconia "to preserve the traditional character of residential neighborhoods that can be negatively impacted by this type of use and to help preserve the quality and quantity of the housing stock for year-round residential use."

At the moment however, the way this ordinance is enforced leans toward a focus on rentals with rowdy or disruptive guests. Because the city's resources for enforcement are limited, the city only engages with rentals without permits when they're brought up in neighbor complaints, according to Planning Director Dean Trefethen. Listings that fly under the radar, or don't have friction with neighbors, are able to evade the owner-operator requirement.

The city is considering upping its enforcement resources, looking to take on a third-party software platform that helps municipalities identify, and even bring into compliance, short-term rentals without permits. Enforcing the requirement for all rentals, not just problem properties, would better align the city's enforcement on the ground with the intentions laid out in the ordinance.

Regardless of their aims and strictness, requirements for short-term rental owners to hold a permit can help municipalities manage any friction that arises between residents and landlords.

The permitting process has facilitated the city's ability to educate owners about their responsibilities as hosts and how to vet guests well, Trefethen said. This has markedly decreased the behavior concerns at permitted properties, he noted. If owners receive numerous complaints and don't take action, permit revocation can hold them accountable.

Debates about how and whether to restrict short-term rentals have bubbled into a statewide conversation.

A bill that would have allowed municipal regulations, but prohibited any that ban short-term rentals by certain owners or in certain zones, died in the Legislature last year. Proponents argued that bans infringe on property owners' rights, and critics felt that the bill steamrolled local officials' authority to write their own zoning laws.

A dispute between the town of Conway and a local

property owner went before the New Hampshire Supreme Court last year. The case, which awaits a ruling, won't decide whether it is legal to restrict or ban short-term rentals — the city of Portsmouth won a NH Supreme Court case in 2019 affirming the legality of its ban — rather, it will determine whether the language in Conway's zoning actually does so.

According to information gathered by the state Division of Economic Development Business and Economic Affairs, 36 municipalities have adopted some kind of short-term rental rules and definitions. Of these, nine have outright bans in certain zones or districts, or allow them only by special exemption. Sixteen have rules that, at the strictest, create safety, documentation and behavior requirements for rental owners and their guests. Some of these create distinctions based on whether or not a rental is owner-occupied or has

the owner on site during the rental, but allow the listing either way. Seven, including Laconia, allow them only in owner-occupied properties or with an on-site manager, among other rules.

Once a regulation is confirmed, how it will be enforced also poses a tall task for planning departments. There is now an entire industry of companies that assist municipalities in identifying short-term rentals and enforcing ordinances. Laconia is considering taking on this service to enforce its permit requirements.

As short-term rentals cement their foothold in New Hampshire and continue to play a role in local housing markets, municipalities will increasingly confront questions about whether and how to regulate them in a way that best serves their communities. Gilford voters will weigh one answer to those questions when the proposed rules appear on the municipal ballot in March.



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## Town of Northfield Town Administrator, Ken Robichaud, Receives NHMA's Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year Award

Each year, the Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year award is given by NHMA staff to a municipal member based on their interactions with officials during the legislative session. NHMA established this award in 2011 to recognize an elected or appointed local official for his or her non-partisan contributions toward the advancement of NHMA's legislative policy goals and for the advocacy of municipal interests generally.

In 2011, NHMA staff selected Russ Marcoux, Town Manager in Bedford, as the first-ever recipient of the Municipal Advocate of the Year award because Russ did all the things NHMA wants members to do in support of its legislative policy and to enhance the success of its legislative agenda. Russ passed away just days before the 2011 Annual Conference and he never knew NHMA had created such an award or that he had been selected the first recipient. In his honor, the award was renamed the Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year award.

At its annual conference last week in Manchester, NHMA recognized Ken Robichaud, Town Administrator in the Town of Northfield, with its 2022 Russ Marcoux Municipal Advocate of the Year award.

In his presentation remarks, NHMA Government Affairs Counsel Natch Greyes recognized Robichaud for always being there for NHMA. Greyes noted that NHMA "is very fortunate to have a great network of members who work closely with our Government Affairs team which brought us legislative success last session." But there is usually one or two members who go "above and beyond" this call of service to help out the team in many different ways. Whenever Greyes would call Robichaud to help, Ken would always go "above and beyond" in his efforts. "Of course I'll help," said Robichaud, "Let me call the committee chair now and count me in to testify on the bill. And I know of someone else who should also testify on this bill and I will make sure he is there to testify with me." Whether testimony at a legislative hearing, a phone call to his legislator(s), or help during the committee of conference process, Ken was always there for NHMA," said Greyes.

Congratulations, Ken, for your well-deserved recognition and for all your hard work during the most recent legislative session.



(Northfield's Town Administrator, Ken Robichaud, accepts the 2022 Russ Marcoux award from NHMA's Executive Director, Margaret Byrnes (right) and Government Affairs Counsel, Natch Greyes (left).

### Past recipients of this recognition are:

- 2011 Russell R. Marcoux, Town Manager, Town of Bedford
- 2012 James Michaud, Assessor, Town of Hudson
- 2013 Don MacIsaac, Selectman, Town of Jaffrey
- 2014 Julia N. Griffin, Town Manager, Town of Hanover
- 2015 Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator, Town of Allenstown
- 2016 Portsmouth City Council, City of Portsmouth
- 2017 Bill Herman, Town Administrator, Town of Auburn
- 2018 Mark A. Bender, Town Administrator, Town of Milford
- 2019 Christopher Boldt, Selectman, Town of Sandwich
- 2020 No award given
- 2021 Mayors of New Hampshire's 13 Cities

# HAPPENINGS

## City of Portsmouth Earns Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The City of Portsmouth has received Awards of Excellence from the Government Financial Officers Association for the Popular Annual Financial Report (5<sup>th</sup> year), Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (29<sup>th</sup> year) and the Budget Presentation. This is the second year in a row that Portsmouth's Finance Department has won the GFOA Triple Crown for winning all three reporting Excellence Awards and again Portsmouth is the only Triple Crown winner in New Hampshire and one of just two in New England (the other was Newport RI). The GFOA is a professional organization of public officials united to enhance and promote the professional management of governmental financial resources by identifying, developing and advancing fiscal strategies, policies and practices for the public benefit.

The FY21 Popular Annual Financial Report and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report can be found on the Finance Department's Documents page: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/proposedadopted-budgets-and-financial-reports>.

## NHDES Recognizes the Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) recently presented the 2022 Asset Management Awards, established to promote, and encourage communities to develop and implement Asset Management Programs (AMPs) to the Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District (PVWSD). AMPs are a holistic approach to managing total infrastructure systems over the life cycle of assets in the most cost-effective way.



In 2019, the NHDES Asset Management Award was established by the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB), Wastewater Engineering Bureau (WWEB) and Watershed Management Bureau (WMB). The award recognizes exemplary AMPs within the State. Solicitation of nominees provided exceptional candidates. This year's award to PVWSD highlights not only AMP implementation but also continued expansion of its program and creating a cultural shift along the way. PVWSD staff also serve as mentors for other utilities.

NHDES recognizes PVWSD for this award in acknowledgement of the work related to development of their AMP and in their willingness to communicate the value of that AMP to the public. PVWSD has embraced the idea and the concepts of turning data into dollars by using its resources and most importantly, its AMP. PVWSD operates a sustainable and resilient water and wastewater utility at a level of service that is acceptable to PVWSD customers by leveraging the most effective asset management techniques and resources available. PVWSD has adopted a road map allowing them to maximize the life expectancy of their assets but also one that identifies a short- and long-term funding strategy to ensure that assets are continuously providing the level of service expected by the stakeholders.

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# New Hampshire Towns Pioneer Foam Recycling

By Meghan Theriault, Gilford DPW Director and  
Cindy Heath, Foam Recycling Action Group

**T**owns and cities throughout New Hampshire that operate landfills, recycling facilities, and transfer stations are always seeking ways to divert waste, avoid pollution of our air, soil, and water, save money on disposal costs, and generate revenue for their operations. Successful strategies include separating plastics, reducing contamination of recyclables through consumer education, and recycling unusual items such as batteries, mattresses, flexible film plastic, and construction and demolition debris, all aimed at reducing and diverting waste. It is critical that we join together with our peers and like-minded professionals to think outside the box and find new ways to be innovative and successful in our recycling efforts.

A new recycling stream is now available to communities for a type of plastic not typically recycled in curbside bin pick up programs or recycling facilities - #6 expanded polystyrene packaging (EPS) and #6 polystyrene food service foam (PS), both commonly known as Styrofoam. In partnership with past Rotary District Governors and participating communities, the Gilford Solid Waste Center is now accepting #6 foam for proper collection and recycling. The program is open to the public through an approved NH DES permit, and Gilford has already welcomed several towns who are hosting community collections and delivering foam for processing including Lebanon, Cornish, Harrisville, Alexandria, Plymouth, Sandwich, Tamworth, and Hanover, with many more expressing interests in the program.



Cornish and Lebanon volunteers hosted the first foam collection pilots in 2021. Phil Bush of Sustainable Lebanon, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group, notes that a partnership with the Lebanon Rotary Club has brought together a strong volunteer group for the collections. “The community has responded enthusiastically. We’ve had an average of 250 people from 30 towns participating, bringing very high volumes of foam along with generous financial contributions that cover the cost of transportation to the Gilford densifier facility.”

During the pandemic, EPS foam packaging production increased to support the safe delivery of COVID vaccines around the world. Food service foam for take-out use increased as well, and foam packaging is still used to protect office furniture, appliances, heat pumps, and electronics during shipping. While new packaging and take out alternatives are rapidly being developed, such as reusable, refillable, compostable, and plant-based packaging which avoids the chemicals used in making plastics, foam packaging is still widely in use, and can be recycled. A few states have passed food service foam bans, but most of the laws don’t address rigid foam packaging.

The Foam Recycling Program aims to reduce foam waste in landfills, save money on trash disposal, generate revenue through recycling, and reduce plastic pollution in our communities. This program works as a “Hub and Spoke” concept where outlying communities (spoke sites) collect foam via organized events, collection containers, or super sack bags. These events and/or containers can be managed by Rotary Clubs, local transfer stations, volunteer groups, and town committees focused on sustainability, waste reduction or recycling. The foam material collected can be brought to the Gilford Solid Waste Center hub for densification. Communities are encouraged to reach out to local groups to see if they have an interest in working together on this effort.

Scott Weden, Plymouth Town Manager notes, “The Town of Plymouth supports this very important endeavor as it could reduce waste in our community. I have met with the Plymouth Rotary Club looking at ways to promote and

include our recycling center in this program of which they are very supportive.”

The Rotary Clubs play a crucial role in taking this program to the next level. According to Former District Governor John Bob Siemeinowicz of Milford, “Since Rotary International has adopted the Environment as its seventh area of focus, this is a perfect opportunity to show that we all are people of action, both Rotarians and other concerned members of New Hampshire communities.” Through this program, participating Rotary Clubs would promote the program to their local audience, collect foam from residents and businesses in their communities, transport the foam back to Gilford, and provide possible funding efforts for the purchase of a permanent small collection unit. “Our Rotary Club is excited about being a part of this environmental effort and is so appreciative of Meghan’s leadership in moving this recycling program forward. We are looking forward to hosting our first collection effort here in Plymouth this spring,” says Mike Carrier, Plymouth Rotary Club President Elect and former District Governor.

The Gilford Department of Public Works (DPW) is spearheading the information sharing about this initiative by speaking at numerous meetings and conferences and sharing public informational flyers with NH towns. “You made a presentation to our club last fall on this program and we were greatly impressed. Polystyrene is slow to degrade, and if disposed of improperly, the foam can leach chemicals into the environment, potentially harming our valuable ground and surface waters. The Lakes Region Rotary Club fully supports this endeavor and is in-



terested in getting more involved in the program,” says Pat Tarpey, Lakes Region Rotary.

The steps to hosting a foam collection in your community are easy:

1. Determine the partners who will be involved - Rotary, town/city officials, committees, volunteers
2. Identify the collection site - it should have clean and dry storage if necessary
3. Determine the method of transportation; covered trailer, rented UHAUL or volunteer vehicles
4. Call Gilford DPW to request poly bags and set up a delivery date
5. Set the date for the collection and promote through local channels - Rain or Shine!
6. Recruit volunteers, assign roles – greeters, traffic flow, inspection, packing
7. Prepare public information hand-out on how to reduce foam use
8. Transport foam to Gilford Recycling Center
9. Celebrate your success!

Another option for communities is to ask their local Department of Public Works and Transfer Stations to purchase several super sack bags and col-



## Ten Towns Toolkit

A companion effort by the NH Network Plastics Working Group Ten Towns Ten Actions campaign to educate consumers, communities, and institutions on the value of replacing single use plastics with reusables and refusing or reducing all types of plastic at the point of purchase is taking place in more than 40 communities around the state. Members of the Plastics Working Group created an information packet to educate consumers on foam waste reduction, which is available along with other resources on the Ten Towns Ten Actions website. <https://www.10towns.org/home>. These statewide plastic waste reduction efforts include:

- Community clean-ups and waste audits
- Engagement with students and schools interested in plastic waste issues
- Convening of regional groups to scale plastic waste and reduction efforts
- Recycling of plastic film and polystyrene foam
- Film screenings regarding plastic pollution and microplastics
- Partnerships with libraries and recycling centers on consumer education programs
- Public education sessions in partnership with recycling, environmental, and public health professionals
- Piloting reusable take out containers and utensils with interested restaurants

The Harrisville Ten Towns, Ten Actions team has been working on several initiatives, including foam collections, says Mary Armstrong, one of the leaders. “The town of Harrisville is very excited to participate directly with the Gilford Solid Waste Center for this endeavor. We have created a ‘Hall of Foam’ to collect it before we transport it in April.”

The U.S. Plastics Pact, a consortium founded by The Recycling Partnership and the World Wildlife Fund and part of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation’s global Plastics Pact network, connects public-private stakeholders across the country to rethink the way plastics are designed, used, and reused by businesses, government, and other institutions. They have created a Reuse & Refill Sustainable Packaging Award that highlights reusable trash bags, reusable take out containers, and reusable packaging solutions, all focused on reducing single use plastic waste. Recycling is a necessary companion effort to these important initiatives, because polystyrene products and other petroleum based plastics are non-biodegradable and produce hundreds of thousands of tons of waste each year, often ending up in oceans, lakes, and rivers, and mistaken by wildlife for food.

## FOAM RECYCLING *from page 9*

lect directly from residents onsite and then transport as needed to Gilford. The Town of Alexandria has been collecting foam for just two months now and is getting great participation from their residents. Steve Lacasse, Transfer Station Supervisor, reported collecting 10 cubic yards in just 8 weeks. “For a small municipality such as Alexandria to pull the equivalent of a 40-yard container out of our annual waste stream numbers and out of our landfills, to me is huge!!” The Alexandria Board of Selectman agreed saying, “We are excited to have an option for the disposal of foam. We have begun to pull the material from our compactor to participate in this program. This has resulted in a decrease in the amount of material put into our compactor and an opportunity to increase the amount of materials we recycle”.



LRPC is working with Gilford DPW to acquire grant funding to pay for the remaining balance of the Gilford densifier unit patented by Foam Cycle LLC. This unit is key to preparing foam for processing and transport to a vendor who can reuse the densified foam (ingots) to make new products such as insulation, molding,

and picture frames with a high level of recycled content. Gilford received a \$50,000 grant from the Foam Recycling Coalition last summer toward the purchase of a Foam Cycle densifier system. With a goal of expanding the program regionally to other communities, Sustainable Lebanon and the Plymouth and Gilford Rotary Clubs have purchased large reusable poly bags that can be loaned out to communities for foam collection events.

DPW Director Meghan Theriault is already seeing a cost savings for Gilford in annual hauling costs by diverting space-wasting foam from the disposal system. Gilford has been collecting an average of 50 CY of foam/month which is equivalent to 7.5 40-yard containers in just six months' time. Removal of this foam has reduced the number of MSW hauls and increased the weight of each haul by close to 2 tons. Gilford saw a cost savings of \$2,500 in hauling fees in 2022 from recycling foam and anticipates a savings of over \$6,000 in 2023. “The Town of Gilford is extremely honored to become the first hub for foam recycling in New Hampshire. We are seeing immediate cost savings for our solid waste operation and encourage other towns and cities to try recycling foam on a trial basis so they can see the same financial and environmental benefits. It has been exciting to see the growing interest and support from other communities and clubs as word continues to spread about this program.” The future success of the program truly lies in the collaboration of environmentally conscious people and groups who see the importance of diverting waste and increasing recycling that will bring this program to the next level.

*If you have questions on the Foam Recycling Program or are ready to set up a spring collection event, please contact Meghan Theriault at Gilford DPW via [DPWDirector@gilfordnh.org](mailto:DPWDirector@gilfordnh.org).*

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