

LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NH Lakes Management and Protection Program



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MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2009
DES Conference Room
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Members present:

Phil O'Brien, Ph.D., Chair
Wendell Berry
Jennifer Czysz
Mark Gallagher
Jim Haney, Ph.D.
Diane Hanley
Mitchell Kalter
Fred Murphy
Dennis Pavlicek
Mike Racine
Larry Sunderland, Vice Chair

Representing:

NH Lakes Association
NH Business and Industry Assn
Director Rep, Office of Energy & Planning
Commissioner Rep, DOS
Scientific Community, UNH
Conservation Commissions
NH Fish & Game Commission
Planning Board
Municipal Official
Ex. Dir. Rep, F & G
Conservation Community

Term:

August 1, 2009
July 8, 2010
Indefinite
Indefinite
August 22, 2010
August 22, 2010
August 22, 2009
August 1, 2011
August 1, 2011
Indefinite
September 19, 2010

Members not present:

Shari Colby	Commissioner Rep, DRED	Indefinite
Mark Hemmerlein	Commissioner Rep, DOT	Indefinite
Bo Quackenbos	NH Association of Realtors	June 27, 2011
Ken P. Wilson	NH Marine Dealers Association	August 22, 2011
Vacant	Tourism Industry	Expired
Vacant	Commissioner, Dept. of Agr., Markets & Food	Indefinite

Staff Present

Jacquie Colburn	Lakes Coordinator, Watershed Management Bureau (WMB)
Laura Weit	Principal Planner, WMB
Jenn Rowden	P.T. Asst. Planner, WMB
Jody Connor	Director, Limnology Center, WMB
Darlene Forst	Shoreline Section Supervisor, Wetlands Bureau
Carolyn Guerdet	Admin. Asst., Water Division

Guests:

None

I. Opening

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Ken Wilson has been reappointed until August 2011. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Due to budgetary cuts at the State Conservation Committee, Michele Tremblay has resigned her position and thus her position on the LMAC. A letter of support will be drafted to encourage the funding be reinstated and a SCC member join the LMAC again. LMAC membership is now 10 voting members (of a possible 12) until Tourism appoints a new representative.

Minutes

- ***Dennis Pavlicek made a motion to approve the November 21, 2008 minutes, second by Diane Hanley. Motion was passed unanimously.***

Future Meeting Schedule

Jacquie reminded the committee again that the LMAC is moving to an every-other-month schedule for 2009. The next meeting will be March 27, 2009.

Budget

The State is reviewing the roles and the cost of all the commissions, committees, boards, etc. Staff hours required for support of LMPP and RMPP in 2008 were requested and the total came to 1600 hours for both committees. Much of the time was used for developing the Sustainability Initiative.

II. Key Discussion Issues

1) Guidelines for Coordinated Lake Management and Shoreland Protection Plans – Jacquie Colburn

Jacquie reviewed what has taken place in the development of the document up to this time. Chairman O'Brien thanked Mitch Kalter, Fred Murphy, Bud Berry, and Diane Hanley for attending the various public hearings. Since the November meeting Laura and Jacquie have again updated and reviewed the document and it is now in the last review by DES. The links in the document are being worked on for ease of use by the community.

2) Carrying Capacity – Jenn Rowden

A sub-committee meeting was held since the LMAC November meeting and work was done on a definition of 'Carrying Capacity' but no final decision has been made. A draft white paper is being worked on regarding a definition of carrying capacity and what it all means. This definition may have an impact on many areas. The next sub-committee meeting is in March.

Squam Lake may be used to develop a possible method of measuring carrying capacity because of the existing work on the lake. Lori Siegel (System Dynamics Model) and Josh Carroll from UNH (Water Recreation Opportunity Spectrum) have done work on the lake.

3) Possible Lake-Related Legislation for 09 Session – Jacquie Colburn

The DES Requested 2009 Legislative Service Requests was distributed. There is little language written yet for the LSRs. Jacquie reviewed the list. As the LMAC will not be meeting again until March it was decided Jacquie will keep the committee informed of legislation and the committee was instructed to reply back only to Jacquie and not 'Reply All' if there were cares or concerns.

It was decided to write a letter of support for the bill designating segments of the Cocheco River as protected under the Rivers Management and Protection Program.

Darlene Forst discussed the changes that DES was putting forward relative to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. Much of it is house-keeping; such as: 1) density requirement - the department does not want to regulate the number of dwelling units per linear feet, which is a zoning and use issue; 2) redefining public waters and reference line on lakes and ponds, surface elevations will be used for the consolidated water list; 3) language concerning the removal of groundcovers will be clarified; and 4) fine money received – the money will come to the Department into the Shoreland and Wetlands Review Fund.

Chairman O'Brien congratulated Darlene Forst on being named the DES Employee of the Year for 2008.

Derek Durbin is no longer with NH Lakes Association; Jared Teutsch will be covering legislation and attending LMAC meetings if time permits.

4) General Updates:

Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA) - Jacquie Colburn

Next working group meeting is January 23, 2009 and Bud Berry and Diane Hanley will attend. DRED hopes to have a management plan in place by the coming boating season. The OLNA website is easily accessible from the DRED website. There was discussion about making another area, Short Sands, along the shoreline open for public use but upon further investigation there are significant species there that would prohibit it from public use. A set of administrative rules are being drafted by DRED for the OLNA.

HB710 Commission – Jacquie Colburn

An article appeared in the Laconia Daily Sun on December 29th regarding the leasing of state-owned shorefront. The only proposed senate bill at this time coming from the legislative recommendations of the Commission has been put forward by DES.

A policy recommendation is being worked on to develop a central matrix that allows the decision to be made as to when to dispose, when not to dispose and best use of the parcels. Information is going to be gathered relative to potential wildlife habitat.

III. Other Business:**Member Updates:**

Jacquie presented a proposal for a half-day seminar the purpose of which is to educate and work with the affected constituent group, including but not limited to health professionals, veterinarians, tourism industry, and municipal recreational directors, to make them aware of cyanotoxins and their potential impacts. A method/approach needs to be developed to educate the public. It is hoped that the seminar could be held sometime in May.

➤ ***The meeting concluded at 10:23 AM.***