

N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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LMAC MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2023, 9:00am – 12:00pm
NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

Members Present Virtually	Representing	Term	
Jared Maraio, Chair	NH Travel Council	August 1, 2025	V
Garret Graaskamp, V. Chair	NH Fish and Game Department	Indefinite	NV
Shane Bradt	Scientific Community, UNH	August 22, 2025	V
Ryan Cardella	Marine Dealers Association	August 22, 2023	V
Tim Dunleavy	NH Department of Safety	Indefinite	NV
Tiffany Grade	Conservation Community	September 19, 2022	V
Mark Hemmerlein	NH Department of Transportation	Indefinite	NV
Sara Holland	NH Association of Realtors	June 27, 2023	V
Janet Kidder	Planning Boards	August 1, 2023	V
Andrea LaMoreaux	NH LAKES	August 1, 2024	V
Frank Lemay	NH Business and Industry Association	July 8, 2025	V
Lisa Morin	State Conservation Commission	August 1, 2024	V
Susan Price	NH Fish and Game Commission	August 1, 2024	V
Steve Wingate	NH Assn. of Conservation Commissions	August 22, 2025	V

Members Absent

Eric Feldbaum	NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources	Indefinite	NV
Jennifer Gilbert	NHBEA Office of Planning & Development	Indefinite	NV
Shawn Jasper	NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food	Indefinite	NV
Dick Smith	Fishing Interests	November 17, 2025	V
Meredith Smith	Municipal Officials	August 1, 2024	V

NHDES Staff Present

Nisa Marks	Rivers and Lakes Management and Protection Programs
Tracie Sales	Rivers and Lakes Management and Protection Programs
Erin Holmes (virtually)	Watershed Bureau

Guests Present Virtually

Amanda McQuaid	Scientific Community, UNH
Michele L. Tremblay	New Hampshire Rivers Council/Rivers Management Advisory Committee

I. Welcome and Consent Calendar: Chair Jared Maraio called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. At the request of the chair, this meeting was held virtually under the emergency provisions of 91-A due to inclement weather and unsafe travel conditions. An in-person location was available at NHDES. Nisa Marks took attendance by roll call.

- **Frank Lemay moved to accept the January 18, 2023 LMAC Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ryan Cardella and passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

- ***Frank Lemay moved to accept the January 18, 2023 Joint Meeting Minutes and the notice of surplus land disposals 2023 CORD 003 and 004. Steve Wingate seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.***

II. Meeting Culture: Jared asked members whether they prefer to have open discussion, follow time limits on the agenda, or something in between. There was consensus that the chair should limit discussion to the times on the agendas. Garret Graaskamp suggested that items requiring a vote be put at the beginning of each meeting so there is less pressure to get through all agenda items.

III. Expectations of Members: Jared asked that members attend meetings and actively participate by sharing their experiences. He said it is rare to have a forum with the diversity of perspectives present on the LMAC.

IV. LMAC Purpose and Scope – Jared said that at the LMAC’s fall meeting members had a lot of questions about the group’s scope and focus. Based on that conversation, Jared asked staff to prepare a presentation about the roles of the LMAC and its past accomplishments. For the last few years, the LMAC has primarily had a legislative focus, but the group used to do much more.

Nisa gave a presentation about the roles of the LMAC, the Lakes Coordinator, and the Lakes Management and Protection Program (LMPP) as described in RSA 483-A. She incorporated examples of past LMAC and LMPP projects and summarized the current projects of the LMAC and staff.

V. Projects Brainstorm: What Does the LMAC Want To Do Next? Jared expressed interest in seeing the LMAC do more than legislative work and reviewing surplus land disposals. He invited discussion about what members are interested in having the LMAC do. Jared gave an example of education efforts where the LMAC could help reach stakeholders and members of the public.

Lisa Morin suggested the LMPP partner with conservation commissions to get the word out about any new initiatives. She suggested having a monthly newsletter or discussion forum, since quarterly meetings are too infrequent to remember topics. Steve asked there could be a forum for members to share perspectives in between meetings. Nisa said that committee members cannot have a private email chain discussing substantive business because of public meeting requirements. However, the website is a public forum and could be used differently if members are interested.

Sara Holland said that each stakeholder has meetings or public gatherings and asked if LMPP staff could maintain a list of member organization events. Jared liked the idea of a central resource for lake-related stakeholder events. Shane Bradt said that maintaining a calendar is difficult, and that a calendar has to be well-maintained and widely known or it is not useful. He suggested there was a need for a work plan to understand who would maintain such a calendar. Shane introduced Amanda McQuaid, who will replace him on the LMAC. She suggested starting meetings with a forum for people to say what events are coming up.

Jared suggested that the LMAC could help NHDES tailor educational information for different stakeholders. For example, what information about cyanobacteria does Marine Trades need? What information would the tourism industry need? Sara liked this idea and referenced work with NHDES and NH LAKES to educate realtors and homebuyers about lake protection.

Jared and Sara both referenced having gotten value from the LMAC’s January conversation about road salt. Sara said that septic-related issues have been challenging but that future conversations

with stakeholders on the LMAC could help. Amanda said that she hears about the three major issues: cyanobacteria, road salt, and septic pollution. Frank agreed that these are the three biggest issues, and added that solutions should take a watershed-based approach.

Andrea suggested that once it is available, the LMAC could look through the cyanobacteria plan to choose activities that the LMAC might help with. For instance, she said that if there is an action item to develop a toolbox of local ordinances, the LMAC could help build that, or if there are septic recommendations the LMAC may be able to engage on those. Nisa gave a brief update on the plan.

Jared referenced the need for proactive, positively-oriented education efforts on topics like cyanobacteria. He described that the LMAC could discuss issues of interest to figure out win-win solutions for each stakeholder represented on the LMAC. Amanda described the need to build public awareness about how to identify cyanobacteria and understand the risks it poses. Amanda added that in-lake management is an important emerging topic. She said education is needed so people do not conduct unpermitted weed removal or cyanobacteria management.

Sara asked for guidance about what would be feasible to accomplish given staff capacity. Susan suggested that the LMAC develop a position paper to the NHDES Commissioner to get funding back for the LMPP. Because the LMPP has so many stakeholders, Susan said that the program needs a full-time staff person to enable all other outcomes. Amanda, Frank, Jared, and Tiffany agreed about the need for funding. Garret suggested that the LMAC develop a few clear goals about what would be done with the funds. Shane reminded the group that some LMAC members cannot advocate for funding proposals, such as the representatives of UNH and state agencies.

Tracie provided additional background about the funding process. She said that a lot of what the LMPP is doing is shared work (and therefore funding) with the Rivers Management and Protection Program. Prior to the Watershed Coordinator role being re-envisioned in 2022, very little work was done through the LMPP.

➤ ***Susan Price moved to request that the LMAC's Policy and Legislation Subcommittee draft a memo to advocate for a full-time employee to support the LMAC and LMPP work. Sara Holland seconded the motion, which passed 10-0 by roll call vote, with Shane Bradt abstaining.***

Lisa raised the issue of how to plan for sustainable future build-out around lakes. Mark suggested that the LMAC comment on any proposed changes to relevant state and federal permitting processes such as alteration of terrain, dredge and fill, wetlands, and shorelands permits. Sara agreed that there is a need for conversation about development because there is anticipated need for 70,000-80,000 more housing units in less than 20 years, and workforce shortage is a serious issue in New Hampshire. Jared agreed that lack of housing is affecting business growth, level of service, and workforce retention. Lisa said wildlife advocates also need be at the table when discussing development. Garret said that public access is also an increasing issue as demand increases and capacity does not. DNCR has not purchased new properties in 40 years, and NHFG has not purchased property for a boat ramp in 10 years.

Jared asked that a poll be put out with the list of issues discussed to gauge member interest.

VI. 2023 Legislation: Jared opened discussion on bills that have been amended or introduced since the LMAC's January 2023 meeting.

- Amended bills: **Steve Wingate made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee on HB 276 (Support), HB 308 (Support), SB 60 (Track), SB 61 (Track), SB 159 (Track) and HB 56 (Track). The motion was seconded by Janet Kidder and passed by roll call, 10 – 0 with one abstention.**

Bill not previously considered:

- **Steve Wingate made a motion to accept the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee's recommendation to support SB229. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.**

Nisa described provisions of HB 2 (the budget) relative to creating a PCB assistance fund, modifying the definition of prime wetlands to exclude highway rights-of-way, and changing licensure requirements for natural scientists and foresters.

- **Tiffany Grade made a motion to support the provision creating a PCB assistance fund. Sara Holland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.**
- **Janet Kidder made a motion to oppose the budget's proposed changes to prime wetlands designations. Steve Wingate seconded the motion, which passed 9-1 by roll call vote.**
- **Sara Holland made a motion to oppose the elimination of licensure requirements for soil and wetlands scientists and foresters. Steve Wingate seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call.**

Sara mentioned HB 507, which would allow anyone without a license to practice in any field as long as they do not represent themselves as being a licensed professional. The LMAC was not previously tracking this bill. Susan said the bill would likely result in environmental degradation or harm to consumers. She also expressed concern that developers would use people who were not certified to achieve outcomes more favorable to them. Frank said certification includes provisions that protect the public, like requiring professional liability insurance and providing a path for recourse of complaints, which does not exist when contractors are not certified.

- **Sara Holland made a motion to oppose HB507. Susan Price seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call.**
- **Steve Wingate made a motion to oppose HB 655 relative to the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification. Frank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

VII. Lakes Program Updates and LMAC Administrative Updates: Nisa announced that applications are open for internships at NHDES, including various lake-related positions.

VIII. New Business, Member Comments, and Action Item Review: Shane said he is stepping down from the LMAC and that Amanda McQuaid will be nominated to take his place. Shane will remain involved in the state lands mapping subcommittee.

Jared adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.