

N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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LMAC MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2023, 9:00am – 12:00pm
NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

Members Present	Representing	Term	
Garret Graaskamp, V. Chair	NH Fish and Game Department	Indefinite	NV
Eric Feldbaum	NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources	Indefinite	NV
Tiffany Grade (virtual)	Conservation Community	September 19, 2025	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
Dick Smith	Fishing Interests	November 17, 2025	V
Steve Wingate	NH Assn. of Conservation Commissions	August 22, 2025	V
Allen Wyman	NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food	Indefinite	NV

Members Absent

Ryan Cardella	NH Marine Trades Association	August 22, 2023	V
Tim Dunleavy	Department of Safety	Indefinite	NV
Amanda McQuaid	Scientific Community, UNH	August 22, 2025	V
Susan Price	Fish and Game Commission	August 22, 2024	V
Vacant	Municipal Official of a Lakefront Community		V
Vacant	NH Travel Council		V
Vacant	NH Dept. of Business and Economic Affairs		NV

NHDES Staff Present

Amanda Barker-Jobin	Rivers and Lakes Management and Protection Programs
Erin Holmes	Watershed Bureau
Nisa Marks	Rivers and Lakes Management and Protection Programs
Tracie Sales	Rivers and Lakes Management and Protection Programs

Guests Present

Brea Arvidson	NH LAKES
AJ DeRosa	NH Fish and Game Commission
Joanie McIntire	NH Association of Realtors
Michele L. Tremblay (virtual)	New Hampshire Rivers Council/Rivers Management Advisory Committee

I. Welcome and Consent Calendar: Vice-Chair Garret Graaskamp called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and asked members and guests introduce themselves.

- ***Garret Graaskamp moved to accept the March 14, 2023 LMAC Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Hemmerlein and passed unanimously by roll call vote, with one member abstaining.***

Garret informed the Committee of three surplus land disposals that were not within 250 feet of or providing access to a lake, plus a fourth surplus land disposal for which the LMAC did not meet in time to comment. Mark Hemmerlein asked why surplus land disposals that were not within 250 feet of a lake were included on the agenda. Nisa Marks explained that it is LMAC's policy that all parcels sent to the Rivers and Lakes Programs be included on the LMAC agenda. Tracie pointed out that the LMAC's policy could be changed if the group no longer wants to see parcels not near a lake.

Andrea LaMoreaux asked if the process the LMAC uses to review surplus land disposals is typically reactionary. Tracie Sales and Michele L. Tremblay explained that the State Lands Mapping Joint Subcommittee is currently proactively reviewing all state-owned parcels in RMAC and LMAC jurisdiction to evaluate their public values. This work will allow the RMAC and LMAC to be strategic in evaluating state lands for disposal or retention. Lisa Morin volunteered to join the State Lands Mapping Joint Subcommittee as a representative of the LMAC.

II. Election of LMAC Chair: Garret asked for a nomination for a new chair of the LMAC.

- ***Steve Wingate nominated Andrea LaMoreaux for the position of chair. The nomination was seconded by Lisa Morin. The nominee was elected unanimously by roll call vote, with Andrea abstaining.***

Andrea was welcomed into the new position by staff and LMAC representatives.

III. Charting a Path for the LMAC: Garret opened discussion for the LMAC to identify what topics or projects to focus on going forward, and how the group can best engage its members. Garret said that three topics have repeatedly come up in LMAC meetings as of interest and affecting lake stakeholders: road salt, cyanobacteria and septic systems.

Nisa provided a summary of member interests identified during the brainstorming session of the March 2023 LMAC meeting. She identified that the three topics Garret mentioned are also the focus of recent NHDES initiatives, including the Cyanobacteria Plan, proposed legislation for septic systems and the expansion of the Green Snow Pro Program to municipal operators. Nisa pointed out that in addition to identifying topics, the LMAC discussed possible tactics to be used in addressing them, including education and outreach, funding for a NHDES Lakes Coordinator position, forming work groups, and collaborating with NHDES.

Lisa added PFAS to the list of possible topics, and Mark emphasized the importance of existing permitting processes. Sara Holland said she has questions about who would pay for measures like more frequent pumping of septic systems. Steve Wingate said that the LMAC should consider pushing for more scientific research to inform actions and decisions that are made regarding dams and water releases. Eric Feldbaum pointed out that all the priority topics affect recreation and highlighting this can help engage the public.

Several members discussed potential engagement with municipalities on issues of concern. Mark encouraged LMAC representatives to remember the mandate of the LMAC and look for ways to advise the Commissioner of NHDES and the state legislature.

Nisa asked whether the group would prefer to work on issues as a whole or through work groups. Lisa stated that she would like to work on the selected topic(s) as a whole group to ensure all interests are appropriately represented. Other LMAC representatives agreed.

Nisa reminded the LMAC of successful past LMAC projects and said the LMAC had been most effective when the group focused on a specific project. Garret noted that focusing on cyanobacteria could function like an umbrella for other top concerns of the LMAC, because of how the issues interrelate. He also said that there is already momentum from the release of the Cyanobacteria Plan, and a need for stakeholder engagement to ensure implementation, conduct education and outreach, and secure funding for the recommendations of the plan.

- ***Mark Hemmerlein made a motion for the LMAC to develop recommendations to abate cyanobacteria issues in New Hampshire lakes by making recommendations to the NHDES Commissioner and legislature regarding outreach, legislation, regulation, and research. The motion was seconded by Andrea LaMoreaux for discussion.***

Nisa said that NHDES went through the process described in Mark's motion in order to develop the Cyanobacteria Plan. She recommended a narrower focus, and mentioned that the plan has areas in need of stakeholder engagement or where NHDES still has questions about how to address the issue.

- ***Mark Hemmerlein withdrew his previous motion, seconded by Andrea LaMoreaux.***
- ***Steve Wingate made a motion that the LMAC support the implementation of the NHDES Cyanobacteria Plan and work to further the recommendations described therein. Lisa Morin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.***

The group asked staff to provide a summary of the findings contained in the Cyanobacteria Plan at a future meeting, along with highlighting specific areas where the LMAC can assist in implementing the plan's recommendations. Staff agreed to do so.

Nisa said that having a sounding board from different stakeholder groups is useful to staff's work implementing major projects like the recommendations in the cyanobacteria plan or the municipal green snow program. Members said staff are welcome to reach out to them individually outside of meetings.

IV. New Business: Nisa asked that the LMAC provide guidance on the extent to which they would like to engage on legislation in 2024. Lisa stated she did not want to diminish the scope of what the LMAC has done in the past and asked that the LMAC continue interacting with a broad range of legislation that affects lakes. The group expressed consensus with this approach. Steve, Dick Smith, and Andrea volunteered to be part of a LMAC Policy and Legislation Subcommittee. Joanie McIntire would like to join once she is formally appointed to the LMAC. Staff will also check with Susan Price to see if she is interested in joining the subcommittee.

Andrea asked that someone else chair the subcommittee because of her involvement with legislation in other areas. This would require revising existing policy.

- ***Steve Wingate made a motion that the chair of the LMAC Policy and Legislation Subcommittee be a member of the LMAC chosen by members of the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Janet Kidder and passed unanimously by roll call vote.***

Nisa introduced a fact sheet that explains instream flow management as it relates to lakes, and described how it addresses concerns from lake stakeholders.

Nisa described a Clean Vessel Act grant program that provides up to 75% of the cost for installation, operation and maintenance of sewage pump-out stations. She said NHDES has not seen a lot of

interest in this grant program and is in the process of determining if there is still a need for this program. The group expressed interest. Andrea said she would put something written by NHDES in the NH LAKES email newsletter. Ossipee Lake was mentioned as a waterbody that could benefit from the program.

Tracie Sales announced that Amanda Barker-Jobin will be leaving the Rivers and Lakes Programs for a new job with the Wetlands Bureau.

V. Action Item Review:

Action Item	Leader	Target Date
Add Lisa Morin to State Lands Joint Subcommittee list	Amanda Barker-Jobin	12/07/2023
Become familiar with the Cyanobacteria Plan, especially the recommendations.	LMAC representatives	Prior to January LMAC meeting
Write brief article on Clean Vessel Grant Program for NH LAKES publication	Nisa Marks/ Tracie Sales	As able

VI. Next Meeting: The January LMAC meeting will include a presentation by staff on the Cyanobacteria Plan, discuss how the LMAC wants to engage on cyanobacteria-related issues, and ratify the legislation positions recommended by the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee.

- ***Sara Holland made a motion to allow a remote option for any future LMAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa Morin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.***

Vice-Chair Garret Graaskamp adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.

Meeting summary prepared by Rivers and Lakes Programs staff.