

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

Pease Public Library Plymouth, New Hampshire

May 26, 2015

Minutes

Members Present:

Max Stamp (Bristol); Dan Paradis (Bristol); Bill Bolton (Plymouth); Barry Draper (New Hampton); Fred Gunter (Thornton); Jane Kellogg (Holderness); Carl Lehner (Holderness); Mike O'Donnell (Holderness); Dan Stack (Ashland).

Others Present:

David Jeffers (Lakes Region Planning Commission)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Max introduced new member Bill Bolton who represents Plymouth.

Approval of Minutes:

Carl Lehner made a motion seconded by Dan Stack to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PRLAC Water Testing Schedule:

Max asked if we were all onboard for water testing through June 30th. We may need some back up on the 30th up North. He said stay tuned for a new schedule for July and August.

Permit Reviews:

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There is an environmental review for the Beebe River Water District. We reviewed the project plans and gave unanimous support for them.

Holderness: Pemi River Heights Town Houses

The committee looked at the plans for Alteration of Terrain and deemed a site visit would be helpful. We are again dealing with the problem of the "new" interpretation of timelines and deadlines for our reviews. Max has requested an extension to avoid any last minute or emergency meetings. Mike O'Donnell will contact the engineer and contact PRLAC members with dates for a site visit.

Stormwater Run-off Strategies for 2015:

Max clarified information we had questioned on this topic during the last meeting. Max traced the presenter, who explained that “over the time period from 1958 – 2012, there has been a 70% increase in *one inch per hr. rainfall* during heavy rainfall events”.

We are still working on the most effective procedures for alerting towns along the Pemigewasset River corridor to the hazards this increased flow in stormwater run-off represents to them.

Storm Drain Conductivity: Plymouth

Max contacted Mark Green, the PSU professor in charge of the LoVoTECS data collection and interpretation. PRLAC members have been concerned with the impact of the high concentration of conductive material into the Pemigewasset River. Mark's answer was basically: *Dilution is the solution*. He added that peak flow of the storm drainage matches the peak flows of the river.

We brainstormed ideas for addressing this problem. Some ideas were: note the increased cost for road damage (if we don't address the run-off now) and potential damage to the tourist industry.

We then compared some of the towns' specific ordinances and concerns surrounding storm water run-off.

Dan Paradis reported on Bristol's land use ordinances which are basically the minimum standards proposed by the state. He suggested some changes to ordinances were due because of the increases in large rainfall events.

Fred Gunter passed around Thornton's Subdivision Site Plan. The group found it very similar to the Bristol plan. New Hampton's plan was again similar, but not as in depth as the other towns. The New Hampton plan relies on the “Handbook for Developing Areas by Rockingham (NH) Conservation District. “

From our discussion, we have some questions about communication channels between town zoning boards and planning boards.

We continued to consider PRLAC's next steps. One suggestion is to present stormwater issues to Town Conservation Committees. Another suggestion from Carl Lehner: We need to prepare a single document that's easy to read and understand and that includes suggestions for the towns. This document could be used by the individual Conservation Committees to share with their own zoning and planning boards.

We agreed to continued work in this area.

Adjournment:

Carl Lehner made a motion seconded by Jane Kellogg to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Draper, Acting Secretary