

APPROVED Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
March 28, 2023 Meeting
Remote meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

Ashland:

Bridgewater:

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas

Holderness: Carl Lerner

Lincoln: OJ Robinson

New Hampton: Barry Draper, Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock: James Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC: Dave Jeffers

Guests: Emma Ayotte

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order by Sherrill Howard at 6:35 PM
2. Approval of minutes from our February 28, 2023 meeting: Sherrill motioned, Carl seconded. Judy and Janet abstained; unanimous approval of all others in attendance.
3. Myrtle provided an update on the status of the Preserve on the Pemi. They have submitted and Alteration of Terrain (AOT). DES is getting a first look at the AOT. The Town of Thornton has approved the width of the driveway so that emergency vehicles can use it safely. OJ noted that one of the Selectman in the Town of Lincoln is an abutter of the Preserve. She was looking at the list of the questions that PRLAC has produced, and she noted that the Preserve does not affect the view from the River. She said that it was all wooded between the Preserve and the River. Myrtle had obtained permission from the owner to allow the Conservation Commission to walk around the project. Myrtle went through the zoning requirements of Thornton, and found that the project would probably meet them.
4. Judy received an alert from the SoPLAC (Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee), indicating that Sununu was trying to eliminate the Board of Natural Scientists and licensure requirements for Soil and Wetland Scientists. RMAC sent a letter to the governor seeking for him to stop this, and members urged Judy to send a letter from PRLAC to the governor as well. Dave Jeffers suggested that we should mention that PRLAC has sought the input from Wetland Scientists, and there is merit to having licensed scientists familiar with NH rules and regulations so that . Myrtle stated that this is fundamentally important to maintain NH licensure. Judy will draft a letter and send it out.

5. Plymouth Village Water and Sewer sent a letter to Judy regarding Holderness well water transmission alternatives. They described their desire to pump their well water across the Pemi into Plymouth. This was simply an FYI to us.
6. Request for PRLAC's comments on Ashland wastewater upgrade. Appears to be an FYI with no specific request for PRLAC feedback, but still seeking comments on Ashland's request to perform improvements to Lagoon 3. Barry suggested saying that if we were to submit comments that we are glad that Ashland is doing this project. Dave Jeffers pointed out that there is much federal funds available for municipalities to make improvements to community wells and community sewage treatment facilities.
7. Management Plan update: Dave Jeffers provided an update on the more-finalized section of the Resource Section of the Management Plan. Dave is refocused on getting this done, along with "mappage" associated with this. Dave had also sent out to Towns/Town Planners/Town Planning Boards a matrix for towns to fill in their latest zoning issues as it relates to water management. Dave said he had received responses from Campton, Plymouth, Bridgewater, Ashland, Sanbornton and Franklin. Barry said that he and Lewis reviewed New Hampton's response and there may be some formatting issues, but they will get it back to Dave. Jim (Woodstock) said that his town sent out their town's response already, and Lincoln and Thornton also stated that they had sent their responses to Dave and Judy. Dave verified his email address to those towns so that they could resend them. Dave also sent out requests to Hill, Bristol, Holderness and Franconia. Dave also wondered about new floodplain ordinance in Bridgewater, and Sherrill pointed out that Campton passed the language that FEMA was recommending. Dave said that what is left is to proofread the Resource section when Dave gets it out to our membership. Dave recommends that PRLAC members should go through the current management plan and the plan's recommendations, and let Dave know what the status of them are.
8. April will bring PRLAC elections for the three positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Judy is not considering being the Chair again. Sherrill would not be adverse of becoming the Chair, but she feels she hasn't been in PRLAC for very long. Judy will send out a note to everyone to determine their interest and will put together a slate which we will vote on prospective candidates at our April meeting. Additionally at our April meeting, we will focus on the Management Plan, and spend time on metrix
9. Adjourn: Sherrill motioned to adjourn at 7:31, OJ seconded. All in favor

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