

Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
July 25, 2023 Meeting
Remote meeting via Zoom

Minutes Approved 08/29/23

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas, Suellen Skinner

Holderness:

Lincoln: O.J. Robinson

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock:

At Large: Tyson Morrill

LRPC:

Guests:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order by Sherrill Howard at 6:30PM
2. Approval of minutes from our June 2023 meeting were reviewed. One change was made. Kathleen moved that they be approved as amended. Bill seconded. All approved.
3. We received additional updates about the project at the Franklin Mini-mart project. It appears that this was just an FYI as the project is proceeding.
4. The NHDES Drinking Water State Revolving Loan (DWSRF) application to upgrade water utilities along Russell Street, Gould Terrace and a portion of Highland Street in Plymouth, NH. They requested a reply from PRLAC to comment on the project. Chair Sherrill sent a reply indication no objections.
5. We received site plans for a project at Giles Pond in Franklin. This is to replace a structure on the same footprint as an existing structure. It is not clear that this will be an issue for the Pemi. We have not received anything from DES about it. We will hold onto it in case the project comes to us for review.
6. Request for More Information – Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application (RSA 482-A) NHDES File Number: 2023-01080. Subject Property: Depot Rd, Thornton, Tax Map #216, Lot #28, 29. NH DES has issued a letter requesting additional actions and information for this project.
7. White Mountain Country Club – Ashland. Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485-A:17); NHDES File Number: 230530-125 Project Name: White Mountain Country Club Golf Course Subject Property: Tax Map# 201, Lot# 002. This is an application to redesign all the holes and the irrigation of the golf course. Upon review of the project the date presented appears incomplete. A response was sent which included the following concerns:

- A. They appear to have already started tree cutting. Our concern is how close to the banks of the river this is and what percentage of trees are cut.
- B. There was some mention of structures being built including a bath house. Where will this be located and what impact will its construction have.
- C. What are the plans for how they are going to access the area with heavy equipment to get materials in and out of the job site.
- D. How near the river are they going to store materials removed from the site and also those materials brought in.
- E. The applicants do not appear to have gotten any clearance from the Town of Ashland for this project.

8. There was an Expedited Minor Impact permit application submitted for the Jack O'Lantern resort in Thornton to modify the drainage for the golf course. We decided we need more information.
9. Owls Nest in Thornton has submitted an Alteration of Terrain Permit request to pave about 340,000 square feet of surface making roads to their well system. PRLAC has not received an application notification from DES having just received the paperwork from the applicant.
10. There was a 50' vessel with an outboard motor that sank in the Pemi in Bridgewater near Sahegenet Park. Plans for removal will be for later this fall. There was concern of a missing gas tank that floated away.
11. Dave Jeffers submitted an email to the group with the following summary of the status of the plan:
 - Next steps in the Management Plan Update include compiling the draft Plan (including updating the introduction and developing a summary), then getting it out for review, and incorporating any feedback.
 - There is still more work that needs to be done on compiling. I would like to have a draft out for review by Labor Day.
 - If folks have images to add, those can be forwarded to me. Images could include structures, scenic spots, areas of concern (flooding/erosion...), wildlife, or people using the river. A note of description and photo credit would be useful.
12. Tyson recently attended meetings regarding the ownership of the Mooney Clark Landing in Bristo.
13. A discussion of pesticide usage in controlling invasive species.
14. Annual money has arrived from the Town of Plymouth. Further letters requesting annual funding are due to be sent in December from Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC).
15. Bill mentioned he has some candidates for PRLAC committee membership from the Town of Holderness. He will pursue this.
16. Honoring Max September meeting. Max stepping down from VRAP.

17. Suellen motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 PM, Kathleen seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned.

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