

DRAFT Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
August 29, 2023, 2023 Meeting
Whole Village, Highland St., Plymouth, NH 03264

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Suellen Skinner

Holderness:

Lincoln: O.J. Robinson

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw, Barry Draper (Zoom)

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner (Zoom), Neil McIver

Thornton:

Woodstock: James Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC: Dave Jeffers (Zoom)

Guests:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order by Judy at 6:43PM
2. Approval of minutes from our July 2023 meeting were reviewed. no changes were made. Kathleen moved that they be approved as amended. Suellen seconded. All approved.
3. **Subject Property: 101 Old Bristol Rd, New Hampton. Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application, NHDES File Number: 2023-02085.** PRLAC received two letters of notifications as of 8/1/23 that the application was incomplete. It appears that the application has numerous omissions. PRLAC shall await the complete application.
4. **White Mountain Country Club – Ashland. Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485-A:17); NHDES File Number: Aot -2438 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. PRLAC received notification 8/3/23 that this project was approved with some specific conditions. The question was raised as to whether PRLAC received any answers to their questions that were raised in the July meeting. Judy will follow up with Sherrill.
5. **The Pemi Campground in Thornton** had submitted an application for expansion. The Thornton Planning Board held a meeting 8/17/23. The Pemi Campground representatives were not present at the meeting. The Campground was required to submit information and they missed their deadline. Since they were not present, they could not ask for a continuance and the permit application is cancelled.

6. 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. PRLAC is still waiting to get more information on the status of the application.
7. The **White Mountain Country Club – Ashland** had submitted a Standard Dredge and Fill application to create an irrigation pond (2023-01299). As of this meeting PRLAC understands that the application is still pending.
8. The ownership of the **Mooney-Clarke River Access Landing in Bristol** has been resolved with the NH Department of Fish and Game taking over ownership as of August 2023. PRLAC hopes that the site will now get the care it needs.
9. The **PRLAC VRAP** program is wrapping up for the season with the last collection to take place August 30th.
10. Dave Jeffers updated us on the status of the revision of the **PRLAC Management Plan**. Feedback about the plan was received by Tracie Sales of NHDES. Primarily there are just some small corrections to be made regarding formats, etc. to comply with ADA. LRPC will be making those changes.

There is one section that was left out and that is regarding Meander Belts (Oxbows, ponds, or wetlands). The members were asked to submit to Dave their list of know meanders and Dave will create a section in the management plan. Pictures are welcome. Possible concerns include Ahern in Plymouth, wetlands by River Rd in Bridgewater, the building in Thornton within 6 feet of a drop to the river.

11. Annual funding PRLAC is to be solicited by LRPC soon.
12. Judy mentioned that PRLAC will be getting an application to review the repair of a culvert in **Bridgewater (DOT Project #2020-M324-2)**. This was the site of a recent emergency repair, and DOT is looking to put in a bridge or span structure to permanently fix the issue. This site directly feeds water from the Great Brook under River Road into wetlands adjacent to the river. PRLAC will await the application.
13. Neil McIver brought up a concern regarding the construction that is currently taking place along **Main Street in Plymouth**. A large amount of construction and replacement of underground infrastructure has been taking place all summer. The concern is in the disposal of the materials removed from the site. This area has a long history of development, including over 22 gas stations, dry cleaners, and a tannery. This material removed is most likely to contain contaminants of various hazard. These materials are being hauled away and dumped in locations around town that are on or adjacent to waterways or wetlands. His concern is that the hazards will leach into the aquifer. DES does not require testing unless they see or smell something.

Neil and Lisa are going to work together to draft a letter of concern that PRLAC can send to various officials.

14. Neil motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 PM, Kathleen seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned.

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