

**DRAFT Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee  
APRIL 30, 2024 Meeting**

**Plymouth Public Library, 1 Russell St., Highland St., Plymouth, NH 03264**

**Members Present:**

**Ashland:** Kathleen DeWolfe

**Bridgewater:** Judy Faran

**Bristol:**

**Campton:** Sherrill Howard

**Holderness:** Will Abbott

**Lincoln:** O.J. Robinson

**New Hampton:** Lewis Mundy Shaw, Russ Brummer, Barry Draper

**Plymouth:** Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner (Zoom)

**Thornton:** Myrtle Lewis

**Woodstock:** James Chesebrough

**At Large:**

**LRPC:** Dave Jeffers (Zoom)

**Guest:** Trista Stickland – Plymouth Highschool civics project.

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order by Sherrill.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the March 2024 meeting were reviewed. No revisions were made. Judy made a motion to approve, Kathleen seconded. All approved, except Lisa and Jim abstained.
3. **Election of officers** for May 2024 – April 2025. The nominations were that the present officers keep their appointments. Sherrill – Chair, Myrtle – Vice-chair, and Judy – Secretary. Kathleen made the motion to appoint officers as above, Lewis seconded. All approved.
4. Judy has drafted a tri-fold **handout about PRLAC** and the 2024 management plan. Judy passed around a draft copy. Some minor edits were made. Judy will make those edits and send the final document out to all PRLAC members and Dave Jeffers. Dave says LRPC will print the brochures.
5. It is time to start up **VRAP** (Volunteer River Assessment Program) testing in May. Sherrill has been having trouble getting a hold of Ted Walsh and NHDES. Liam Bonyman is the contact lead at NHDES to get the equipment for the upcoming summer. Bill and Max and Barry will make arrangements to get the equipment to NHDES for calibration and testing should start the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

6. PRLAC has received more detailed maps regarding Owl's Nest Alteration of Terrain (AoT) application on **Pope Road in Thornton**. This is a project that the Thornton Planning Board and Conservation Commission will be keeping an eye on.
7. **Stream Crossing Study.** University of New Hampshire - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering conducted a survey called the Stream Crossing Replacement Prioritization project. The group was seeking input from those who deal with stream crossings on the key elements for deciding which crossings are most critical to replace first. LACs and CRJC/LRSs were invited to share their thoughts via the survey either as a group or as individual members. The Stream Crossing Prioritization Survey was open through April 22nd. Some participants found some of the questions hard to answer. Stream Crossing Assessments can include up to 75 different measurements. Discussion continued with the differences between stream crossings and culvert assessments.
8. Tracie Sales at NHDES sent out announcements of **Source Water Protection (SWP) and Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) grant applications**. These are important water/land environmental protection opportunities.  
  
**SWP** - The Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) Source Water Protection program offers competitive grants to permanently protect drinking water supply lands in New Hampshire. Grants will be available to cover up to 50% of total project costs to permanently protect "high-priority water supply lands". Grants are capped at \$500,000 per project. Pre-applications must be submitted by May 30, 2024.  
  
**ARM** - The Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund is now accepting pre-proposals! Pre-proposals are due May 31, 2024. These funds allow for restoration of damaged water sources and protection of vernal pools, wetland and much more!
9. Judy brought up a concern. There is a riverfront piece of property in Bridgewater that is for sale and the realtor is advertising that views can be cut. PRLAC will have to keep an eye on there are restrictions on what cutting can be done along the river.
10. Judy brought up the **2024 LRPC Hazardous Household Waste Collections** is scheduled. Judy reviewed the dates and locations of collections and the towns involved. Judy encouraged those town that are participating to spread the word.
11. Kathleen motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Myrtle seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned.

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