

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee  
April 24, 2018 at Pease Public Library  
Plymouth, NH

**Members Present:**

William Bolton (Plymouth); Max Stamp (Bristol); Russ Brummer (New Hampton); Barry Draper (New Hampton), Judy Faran (Bridgewater); Mike O'Donnell (Holderness); Carl Lehner (Holderness); Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland)

**Also Present:**

Lisa Doner

**Call to order** – 7:00 PM by William Bolton

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were reviewed. Change to Item 4. Bill # is 1358 not 1558. Max motioned to accept, Barry 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved, except one abstention.

**2. Permit Applications:**

Owl's Next Phase One File Number: 20180306-038. Mike O'Donnell and William Bolton reviewed the project and submitted comments on behalf of PRLAC.

**3. Wetland Rules.**

PRLAC received a draft of "Thoughts on the proposed draft Wetland Rules relative to the Rivers Program" from Tracie Sales dated April 2018. Tracie asked PRLAC to review and submit comments.

The committee briefly discussed the document and agreed to submit comments to Bill by May 1, 2018 to then be sent to Ms. Sales.

**4. Discussion of HB1358.**

The passage of this bill would automatically approve a permit before the SEC if a decision is not made within 365 days. This bill is now dead.

**5. Northern Pass**

There was a brief review of the Northern Pass status with discussion of upcoming hearings regarding reconsideration of the SEC decision. If the permit is still denied, then the process would proceed to the state supreme court.

**6. New PRLAC member.**

Bill introduced our new member Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland)

**7. 2018 Water testing.**

Max handed out a draft Water Quality Monitoring Schedule. Members were asked to review and let Max know whether they could be available for either team.

**8. Agenda Item 9.**

Standing agenda item, "follow-up with Section 3" was tabled for this session.

**9. Hubbard Brook.**

Guest speaker Amey Bailey was unable to attend, but did submit a summary of the Hubbard Brook project.

Hubbard Brook is a cooperative of researchers from the government, universities and private research groups.

The Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest was created by funding from Congress in 1954 to study the relationship between forest conditions and streamflow in the Hubbard Brook valley in Woodstock, NH.

PRLAC has been invited to tour the facilities. A tentative date of May 26, 2018 is scheduled for a tour of the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest.

**10. William Bolton.**

William Bolton mentioned his intentions to run for NH State Senate. If elected, then he will step down as Chair of PRLAC.

**11. Crossover transmission lines.**

Max raised the discussion of the mowing that is done where power transmission lines cross the river and the fact that the mowing is done right up to the river's edge, leaving no buffer. The issue is whether the laws can be changed to limit how close the edge utilities can mow. Max will start looking into the issue. Members are encouraged to help Max.

**12. Bill motioned for adjournment, Barry, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Faran (Bridgewater)