

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee  
March 25, 2014 at Pease Public Library  
Plymouth, New Hampshire

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Max Stamp (Bristol); Dan Paradis (Bristol); Carl Lehner (Holderness)

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Max Stamp called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Since a quorum was not present, the minutes of January 28, 2014 and February 25, 2014 could not be approved.

**NH Water & Watershed Conference:**

Carl Lehner was the only PRLAC member able to attend the NH Water & Watershed Conference held at PSU March 21, 2014. (Max Stamp and Dan Paradis tried to register about a week before the conference, but the enrollment was closed.) Carl felt the sessions he attended could have offered deeper insights than they did. For example, one of the conclusions from the first session he attended was that the forests would survive global warming but the species present would change. The other morning session Carl attended concluded that the polar snowcaps are decreasing and will continue to do so. The afternoon session he attended had to do with decision-making for water resources. The long term cost of standard development practices was compared with the use of Low Impact Development (LID) practices and it was shown that LID wins out in the long term.

Carl said that none of the sessions was fully enrolled and that there were about 15 no-shows for whom space had been reserved. Our group thought this problem should be addressed, possibly by overbooking in anticipation of the inevitable no-shows.

**Planning Board Role in Stormwater Management:**

Because of the sparse attendance, Dan's presentation was postponed again. It will be rescheduled for a later meeting.

**DES Review of Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP):**

Max reviewed the information he had sent to members by email regarding the review of the RMPP Act (RSA 483). The DES Rivers Program staff, in collaboration with Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), sponsored a series of meetings throughout the state to seek out input from the LAC's regarding possible improvements to the RMPP Act. PRLAC was invited to a meeting in Boscawen on March 10, but Max was unable to attend due to a conflict. He was able to participate via conference call in a meeting with the Connecticut and Mascoma River LAC'S held later in Lebanon. Max had solicited comments from PRLAC members on a matrix used at the group meetings as a framework for discussion, but not having received much feedback, he basically presented his ideas to the meeting.

Among the ideas discussed was the possibility of extending the term of LAC members from three to five years. While this might reduce paperwork, our group thought the 5-year commitment might make recruiting new members more difficult. This led to some discussion about how the recruiting of new members might be improved. Carl Lehner suggested the towns themselves might be more involved. Max felt that DES could be more helpful in raising public awareness of the LAC's. He also thought DES might offer greater definition of what the statewide goals and priorities are. Finally, Max reminded us that he would still like more input from PRLAC members and will pass these along to Jacque Colburn, who is in charge of the DES effort.

**Friends of the Pemi – Update**

Friends of the Pemi had an important meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> which Max attended. Much of the meeting was related to the transfer of the area from NH Fish & Game to the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED). Representatives from both of those agencies were present, as well as someone from the

Division of Historical Resources. Much of the discussion was centered on the steps to be taken and the groups to be involved this summer in making the transition to the area becoming a state park. This summer will also be a time for fact finding and fleshing out a vision for the area through what they are calling “charrettes”, which will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Holderness and Plymouth respectively under the auspices of the Plymouth Rotary. The Rotary is very much involved in the project and is committed to raise \$200,000 to support it. Max said he was impressed with the progress the Friends of the Pemi have made.

**Other:**

PSU ALLWELL Center: The project is on hold as the State is seeking more information before giving final approval to this project. PRLAC’s comments have been submitted to DES.

2014 NHDES Drinking Water Source Protection Conference: This conference will be held on April 30, 2014 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Max said he would remind members as that date gets closer.

RMPP Survey Reminder: Max again asked members to review the discussion issue matrix which was sent out and to comment by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

Carl Lehner made a motion seconded by Dan Paradis to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel A. Paradis  
Secretary

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