

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
July 30, 2019 at Pease Public Library
Plymouth, NH

Members present:

Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Judy Faran (Bridgewater), Russ Brummer (New Hampton), Mike O'Donnell (Holderness), Barry Draper (New Hampton), Neil McIver (Plymouth), Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland), Lisa Doner (Plymouth), John Gallagher (Thornton)

Also Present: Dave Jeffers (Lakes Region Planning Commission), Madison Schumacher (LRPC intern)

1. Approval of Minutes.- The PRLAC minutes from June 25, 2019 were reviewed. No changes were made. Motion to approve by B. Draper, seconded by N. McIver, all approved.
2. Elections for offices.
 - a. Nominations were taken:
 - i. Judy nominates Bill Bolton for Chair, Barry seconds.
 - ii. Bill nominates John Gallagher for Vice Chair, Barry Seconds
 - iii. Russ Brummer is nominated for Secretary
 - iv. David Jeffers will serve as Treasurer
 - b. N. McIver proposed that B. Bolton cast one vote for the slate of nominees. B. Bolton voted that the current slate (see 2a above) is set until April of next year.
3. B. Bolton reported on Helga Stamp's condition (wife of Bristol representative Max Stamp). She is home and doing amazingly well.
4. B. Bolton reported that the SEC reconfiguration is dead and so Northern Pass is thwarted.
5. Dave Jeffers' Corner
 - a. Update of the Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan
 - i. D. Jeffers suggested that the PRLAC Corridor Management Plan is in need of updating (last updated in 2013). The plan created tasks for PRLAC to act as a foundation to guide our activities.
 - ii. There was a discussion regarding whether PRLAC should begin the process of updating the Corridor Management Plan. This would involve updating parts of the plan (not a total rewrite), and including new topics added to the format since the last report was completed in 2013. This would include: land use changes, public interests in the river corridor, mapping and modeling of culverts and stream crossings, interconnectedness of streams, geomorphic assessment (stream flow and geologic nature), and updating action items.

- iii. D. Jeffers reported that there are 604B funds available to fund the necessary steps need to complete the revision of the current plan (pubic survey, mapping, etc.). To update the Corridor Management Plan PRLAC would ask for ½ of the money offered by the 604B fund (approximately 32,000 dollars).
 - iv. Maddie Schumacher reported that LRPC would need to submit a letter of intent for PRLAC to NH DES by the deadline of September 20, 2019. Maddie wrote a draft of the letter of intent for PRLAC members to consider.
 - v. L. Doner asked for the time frame of receiving and using the funds. D. Jeffers reported:
 - 1. Letter of intent needs to be submitted by Sept. 20, 2019.
 - 2. Selected applicants will be notified by October 2019.
 - 3. LRPC will complete the application (if selected) for PRLAC by the December 6, 2019 deadline.
 - 4. Money is awarded May 2020, LRPC would be committed to complete what is in their scope.
 - vi. D. Jeffers' proposal was discussed. It was decided that B. Bolton will sign the letter of intent written by M. Schumacher and submit it to the DES. Motion to approve by N. McIver, seconded by J. Faran, all approved.
6. B. Bolton reported that the north team completed water testing today (Tuesday 7/30/19). B. Bolton also collected E. coli samples for both the north and south sections and took both sets of samples to Concord. The south team were ready to sample on Wednesday 7/31/19.
7. Bristol's Budget Committee request supporting documents and financial information to consider for their 2019/2020 budget year. Supporting documents will be prepared by David Jeffers.
8. Discussion on the recent turbidity increase from the Baker River after a significant rain event from a couple weeks ago
- a. L. Doner explained that there was a 200 ft washout of Prospect Road in Groton which put very fine sediment into the Baker River which then flowed into the Pemi.
 - b. Several members would like to have access to the data sheets from our water testing. A member of each team will now send the data sheets to DES as a pdf, and the paper copies will be filed.
9. Permit Applications
- a. No new applications
 - b. Discussions with DES on their permit that was awarded to the property owner on File Number 2019-01588; Application Type: SHORELAND APPLICATION2728 River Road Bridgewater
 - i. Our comments went to the DES representative that was on the permit application form we received via email from DES. Unfortunately, a change in staff occurred which resulted in the permit being issued without addressing our concerns.

- ii. B. Bolton will contact DES and make sure that their specialist is fully aware of the findings of the PRLAC reviewers.
 - c. Wetlands Permit Application: Newfound Hydroelectric Project – permit by notification for in-kind replacement of two underground metal pipe culverts on the Newfound River.
 - i. No updates
- 10. M. O'Donnell asked for the status of the Plymouth well.
 - a. B. Bolton is making sure that we know from the Plymouth Village Water and Sewage District when the well will be voided and also obtain the results of their water tests.
- 11. B. Bolton looked into the Bristol Dam drawdown and the possibility of moving the drawdown data to later in the year so river residents could use the river in September/October. He reported that the date of drawdown could not be moved. Bristol Dam's explanation is that organisms need time to adjust to the new level before winter.
- 12. Rochester Shoe Tree Factory and their cedar chip pile was discussed.
- 13. Motion to adjourn 8:43 PM by J. Gallagher, seconded by L. Doner. All voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Brummer
Secretary