

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
October 31, 2017 at Plymouth Town Hall Upper Chambers
Plymouth, New Hampshire

Representatives Present: Carl Lehner (Holderness), Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Leigh Sharps (Ashland), Barry Draper (New Hampton), Dan Stack (Ashland), Dan Paradis (Bristol), Max Stamp (Bristol).

Also: David Jeffers (LRPC); Bob Snelling (Holderness, NPDES Legislative Advisory Committee), Judy Faran (Bridgewater), Russ Brummer (New Hampton), Lisa Doner (Plymouth) and Maggie Mumford (Plymouth).

Call to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Bill Bolton. A quorum was present.

1. Minutes were accepted unanimously with correction of meeting date.
2. New permit application review: File number 2017-1020-155 for Exit 29 Sand and gravel in Campton/Thornton. The project to impact about 204500 s.f. earth; 22 acres of land with 1000 feet of river disturbance. 17 of the 22 acres will remain wooded. Creekwood Consultation is applicant name. Judy Faran and Bill Bolton will look at the site. The notice of acceptance is retroactive with land resources management on Oct. 20. Comments on alteration of terrain, sand and gravel rock quarry to NHDES to be submitted by Nov. 29, 2017. Agent: Creekwood Consulting PLLC c/o Joseph Peznola, Thornton.

New application: Anthony Takazawa of Thornton to repair/re-stabilize slope from his house to the Pemi River. Lot 10-1-0017, Northway Dr., Thornton to reduce 52 % grade to 34 in one spot, 42-34% in another area and 45-34% in yet another area. There is 100 feet to river (law says 50 feet for alteration). Bill Bolton will do a Doodle Poll of the following members to see who might be available to visit site: Barry Draper, Dan Stack, Max Stamp, Judy Faran and alternate Russ Brummer and Maggie Mumford.

3. Bob Snelling, a member of the state Legislative Advisory Committee on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), informed the board about a pending bill introduced by Senator Bradley that will affect discharge from the state into the Pemi River. The discharge allocation bill will give power to the state rather than federal government as it is now; they oversee discharge permits (although EPA has ultimate power to reject) from treatment plants, industry sources, etc. There is a nitrogen issue. 46 of 50 states have adopted this, however Snelling says he heard the action has had problems in some other states. Impetus in N.H. is the Great Bay discharge and towns associated with Great Bay. There are questions about discharge into the bay and how much is coming from each (business, industrial) point. Snelling says the bill's intent is for states to "more reasonably implement control issues. The questions is state funding for the program. "There is no money," said Snelling. The bill will look at the cost of the program (field testing mainly that the EPA does now) which might have to be passed onto towns or an industry tax."Will the state step up and pay the bill? That is another question," said

Snelling. "The state could be more sensitive to towns' economic issues than the EPA." The issue is legality and funding of the Bradley Bill and Snelling will keep Dave Jeffers up to date on the bill as "it will affect the Pemi directly."

4. Town membership payment status discussion: Ashland and Bristol updates. Ashland will have a petition warrant article for non-profits (\$400). Dan Stack will get the 25 signatures necessary to add the article for voters at their meeting in March. Asking all other towns for \$300. Waiting for update from Bristol.
5. Standing agenda item: follow up with section 3 (water quality impairments) from the 2013 matrix Pemi River Corridor Management Plan. Dave Jeffers reported on any change since last month. 3.2.1 Bill Bolton will consult 3.2.1. Barry and Lisa (who has made a couple phone calls) will identify who at DES does the coordinating of water monitoring. 3.4.4 Bill has made contact (left message about expanding VRAP (Volunteer River Association Program) program to include more testing sites and more testing of e. coli and salt; also, more equipment for testing. 3.4.1 May look at students working with VRAP. Ski Fanatics has shown support. 3.4.2 Keeping up with state septic facilities is a priority; need to identify those (business/residences) on Pemi corridor and how to get more monitoring and how to analyze it. 3.4.3 Will look at model of Lake Waukewan. Dave will meet with John Edgar about Waukewan pilot program; will discuss systems around then lake and upgrading systems before they fail. 3.5.1 Need to publish location of impaired waters along the Pemi and communicate implications of the impairments locally. 3.6.1 Link to greensnowrotraining.com encourages towns to establish low salt winter roadways. 3.6.2 Discussed communities developing and adopting aquifer protection ordinances. Sharps reported on Ashland update. The sub-committee (2 members from planning board, 1 from conservation committee, 1 from water and sewer, and Mike Izard from Lakes Region Planning Commission) is finished with research. Mardean Badger, planning board and Izard are now working on wording for the ordinance (s). Will be ready to go before voters hopefully March 2018, if not 2019.
6. Open issues: Finalizing new committee members: Russ Brummer, New Hampton, Judith Faran, Bridgewater and Lisa Doner, Plymouth to PRLAC.
7. Northern Pass update: Began to discuss and write minutes on No. Pass update. At 9 p.m. Bill Bolton made motion to strike No. Pass minutes and go into non-public to discuss Northern Pass as RSA requires during ongoing legal actions. B. Draper seconded.