

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee – Draft Meeting Minutes Nov 2021

Meeting Date and Time: November 30, 2021 6:30 PM EDT

Meeting Location: in person, Abenaki Room Common Man Inn, 231 Main Street, Plymouth

Attendees by town: (not attending – Campton)

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe, Tyson Morrill

Bristol: Max Stamp

Bridgewater: Judy Faran,

Holderness: Carl Lehner

New Hampton: Barry Draper, Russell Brummer

Plymouth: Bill Bolton (Chair), Neil McIver, Lisa Doner (Scribe)

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis (arrived 6:40 pm), Katri Gurney

Paige Wilson (LRPC)

6:30 pm - Call to order

- Minutes from October 26 2021 meeting reviewed. Suggested corrections (see attached). Carl moved to accept with the corrections, Judy 2nd. All approved.
- Permit Applications:

Permit No. DES-SW-TP-95-014 – New Hampton Municipal Landfill, 4285 River Road, Bristol, NH. Barry and Max made a site visit and sent comments to Bill, who forwarded them to the site engineer and DES's Tracey Sales. Reply came from Dave Katz at Lakes Region Planning: ground water sampling done twice (by **Emery & Garrett Groundwater, Inc**), no surface water sampling. Jellystone and Davidson campgrounds would be affected by surface water impacts from the landfill. Discussion on who might provide advice about additional testing of ground and surface water at the river. Tyson suggested that State infrastructure funding might offer support. We should try to develop a shovel-ready funding request to support testing. Barry has the packet with the permit information. The landfill was closed in 1990's. They did burn materials on site so toxin-laden ash might still be present.

Action – Paige will ask DES for recommendations about what we should ask New Hampton to start testing; what kinds of tests based on typical repercussions from decommissioned capped landfills. Paige will also look into RSA language and attempt to track down the testing results.

2021-03504 – Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification (RSA 482-A) - Campton, Tax Map #21, Lot #6. This logging work is completed. DES approved it.

Owl's Nest Amendment to Alteration of Terrain Permit # 1445 – Campton. Myrtle and Mary Ellen from the conservation commission did a site visit. The site is located between existing buildings and has already been graded and shaped. PRLAC has no comments to send on to DES about this.

Proposed Cumberland Farms NHDES UST application – Franklin. Question arose about which river corridor jurisdiction should oversee this application, Pemi River (PRLAC) vs Upper Merrimac (UPM). Technically it should be PRLAC's to review but Michelle Tremblay picked it up from UPM. Paige explained that a neighboring brownfield site has a contaminant plume working towards the river.

Intermission – Alex Ray thank you for the pro bono appetizers at our meeting tonight!

- Thornton culvert study – Tyson spoke about this site with Ben Nugent who is working with Amy Villamagna (PSU faculty) on a brook trout passage proposal. He said he would try to do a culvert assessment there next week.
- Follow-up on Clay Brook easement blocking non-motorized trail expansion along Tenney Mountain Highway in Plymouth. The Town of Plymouth has abandoned attempts to seek modified easement language that would allow a foot path across the property.
- Campgrounds: Notice of possible sale of a campground in Thornton. Additional 26 acres bordering Mill Pond Rd, Yurt campground.
- Legislative Tracking Sheet – there is a new link about legislation affecting DES. NH Lakes has a similar link.
- 7:38 pm - Other - Paige Wilson led a discussion regarding our desired update to our Pemi River Corridor Management Plan. \$15k available from collected wetland management fees, requires match. Before allocation of this discretionary funding, Tracey Sales needs a final, detailed scope of work and letter from PRLAC's chair (Bolton) stating that this is PRLAC's decision. Budget: \$28.84/hr standard match for volunteer time, effective period for matched effort Jan 15, 2022 to Jun 30, 2023. Budget supports implementation of a stewardship plan with an initial introductory presentation (6/2022) that describes need for an update to the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan, biennial progress reports and a final report. Reports are to the Planning Boards. Goal is to have a draft plan by 6/30/2023. The proposal includes 11 tasks, including outreach to the Board of Selectmen for Campton, Thornton, and possibly Franconia – contact Chris Pestarosi? David created a draft plan last year – this one does not require a stormwater focus. Barry made a motion that PRLAC go forward with this planned proposal and budget. Max 2nd the motion. All approved.
- Additional support offered by Tyson, to expand the riparian buffers for source water protection in the Merrimac R. watershed, in the Plymouth-Franklin area. Example is the contract to plant 10,000 trees in the next 3 years, starting May 2021. Work includes management of invasive species, best practices of woodlots for owners of privately held land. Site identification would have to happen this Fall with trees ordered by Dec 31, 2021. Just needs an estimate of square feet to be planted or managed.
- 8:15 pm - USDA Solid Waste grant meant to help towns reduce the impacts of solid waste on water resources. The grant allows collaboration with different groups, including PRLAC. Includes capped landfills, salvage yards, and transfer stations in the lakes region. Kathleen made motion to draft a letter of support for this USDA grant. Judy 2nd. All in favor.
- Neil asked about biosolids processing as with Resource Management Inc (RMI) and water quality tests associated with use of the biosolids. PFAS testing is not done on the biosolids. OneStop might have water quality data near use areas.
- **Judy moved to adjourn 8:36 pm. Russ 2nd All in favor.**
- **Post-meeting discussion – no Dec meeting. We cannot vote between meetings because there is no subcommittee to bring forward a motion. We should form subcommittees to get work done; opportunity for this with Corridor Management Plan effort. Kudos to Bill for his efforts!**

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