



Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

September Meeting 30th, 2021 Minutes

In-person only - Pease Public Library, Plymouth

Present: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner (scribe), Myrtle Lewis, Tyson Morrill, Judy Faran, Suellen Skinner, Kathleen DeWolfe, David Jeffers, Max Stamp

1. Call to order and attendance - 6:33 pm
2. Approval of minutes from our Sept 30, 2021 meeting with amended attendance – Kathleen moved, Suellen seconded. All in favor.
3. Permit Applications:
 - a. 2021-02342 – Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit application, Remington Rd, Thornton. DES requested more information, consultant report with topo lines. Same engineer worked on Ashland permits with hand-drawn maps and low resolution topo maps. Riprap no longer acceptable as stabilization, need to request exception. DES wants evidence supporting rejection of other means of stabilization. 30 days to respond after permit rec'd.
 - b. 2021-02906 – Shoreland Permit Application: 180 Ayers Island Rd., Bristol. Solar array with Barrington Power lease. Max will check this out. Questions – is town going to receive power from the array? Horizons Engineering handling the proposal. Ryan Duquette reviewed on 9/10/21. Deadline for comments 10/10/21. Tracey Sales at DES can offer an extension if requested. If we do a field trip, invite Nik Coates & other Town of Bristol, Ryan Duquette at DES – Judy will discuss site visit and time extension with them.
 - c. 2021-01456 – PSNH A111 Right-of-way, Franklin, Hill and New Hampton: withdrawal of standard dredge and fill wetlands permit application. DES communication dated 9/9/21. No discussion on this.
 - d. 2021-02598 – Shoreland Impact Permit Approval Jellystone Campground to remove an existing building and replace with a new building on same but smaller footprint. Max and Barry did a site visit. While there, they brought up concerns about surface erosion by the ramp and destabilized banks to the General Manager Arthur Swanson and the contract engineer who designed the new building.
 - e. 210823-128 – Alteration of Terrain permit application: Ambrose Pit Extension. Decided no site visit needed.
 - f. DOT Standard Dredge and Fill application: Thornton culvert rehabilitation by insertion of slipline pipe in existing culvert as a temporary fix. Cheryl visited the site. Request is into Fish & Game for a full culvert replacement with fish passage. No permit application yet. This brought discussion on a failed culvert on Hunt Road at Clay Brook near Plymouth-Bridgewater town line. Discussion about availability of funding to replace it. Dave asked if it is in Plymouth's Hazard Mitigation Plan – Lisa confirmed that it is. If so, then we can cite that and culvert assessment data in request for funding.
4. VRAP wrap-up – 4 sets of samples sent to DES, no chemistry reports back yet. Low pH continues to be a problem on the Pemi (regional problem). Need additional people for next year. The temp-O2-conductivity and pH data were just sent via email from Bill Bolton.
5. Dave Jeffers report:
 - a. Submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for \$15,000 in 604(b) funds to be used by PRLAC to update its Pemi River Corridor Management Plan, with emphasis on stormwater. Will

hear in Dec if full proposal invited. Helpful to have letters of support for the proposal from the local communities (Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions), since zoning overlays for stormwater management need planning board support.

Also – LRPC is asking for \$300 annual administrative funding from communities within PRLAC.

- b. Local source water protection grant opportunities with Nov 1 deadline, \$20,000 maximum. Could be to develop a groundwater protection overlay, for fencing, for land purchase-related expenses (not for cost of land itself), improving inventories, threat assessments, updating a forest management plan. Discussed updating the brochure from circa 2003 “The Pemi: Looking Ahead”.
 - c. Update on members’ terms – John Gallagher, Russ Brummer, Barry Draper, Max Stamp, Carl Lehner, Bill Bolton terms are up – need to request Select Boards for renewal. Discussion on unrepresented towns: Woodstock, possible Hubbard Brook person (interest expressed by Gabriel Wynart? PSU student living at Mirror Lake) but Woodstock and Lincoln opted out of committee participation 30 years ago and again in 2013. Query - should we reopen the invite? Other towns needs reps – ideas: Franklin, Hill, Sanborton, Franconia, Bridgewater 2nd rep (Judy has some prospects), Holderness (Ken Evans?), Forest Service (Mark Prout? Keith van Gordon?).
6. New business – comments on Owl’s Head right-of-way request due Nov 1. Tyson will send his questions to group, including a 2016 violation, conflicting claims of public and private access, who decides on Fish & Game surplus, potential to create new right-of-way limits, kiosk at parking area.
7. **Adjourn** - Lisa moved, Suellen seconded – no objections. 8:45 pm.