

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

April 28, 2020 (7:00 PM)

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID:

Members Present: Barry Draper (New Hampton), Neil McIver (Plymouth), Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Russ Brummer (New Hampton), Max Stamp (Bristol), Judy Faran (Bridgewater), Richard LaFlamme (Bristol)

Guests: Anthony Drouin (NH DES), Tracy Wood (NH DES), April Sargent (RMI), Brandon Kernen (DES), David Jeffers (LRPC)

1. Meeting called to order by B. Bolton at 7:07 PM. Read information for contacting. Roll call.
2. Approval of March 31, 2020 minutes: Tabled to next meeting due to lack of quorum.
3. Status of Neil McIver's item regarding possible presence and testing for PFAS in Pemi River water. DES representatives Anthony Drouin and Tracy Wood to provide answers to PRLAC members' questions on PFAS concerns as they pertain to the Pemi
 - a. Regulation of sludge and septage – Anthony Drouin
 - i. Revised biosolids permits to require sampling for PFAS
 1. Asking for 9 PFAS to be tested
 2. Will cover biosolids transported from out of state
 - ii. Distinctions between Classes A (compost – has gone through more) & B (needs more controls)
 - iii. Working with NEWIPIC to do outreach to residents, encouraging legislation, regulation, or conscience purchasing.
 1. Push for regulation at the “top of the pipe”
 - a. Reduce what is being bought
 - b. Find and use substitutes
 - c. Educate not to pour down drain
 - iv. 24 sludge-handling permits in the state (generators)
 - v. USGS 2 or 3 year study investigating PFAS leaching in NH.
 1. Needed to determine a safe value of biosolids and standards/regulations for drinking and groundwater

- vi. Public water standards as well as groundwater and groundwater discharge sites. Lower standards were being challenged by RMI, 3M, and Plymouth. Stayed because of Cost Ben. Analysis, DES won on unfunded mandate and public input. There is a bill working through the legislature.
 - a. Groundwater standard currently set at 70 ppt
- vii. RMI is working towards containment within a building.
- viii. RMI is willing to give PRAC representatives a site visit. April is the contact.
- b. Admin. for Wastewater Management Bureau - Tracy Wood Ted Diers (Watershed Management Bureau) - see if Ted can schedule some testing below the RMI (Harper Brook)
- 4. Permit (Pre)Applications: There were no new permit applications since our last meeting.
- 5. Max Stamp to provide an update on the status of the VRAP water testing program
 - a. We would like to provide one or two sites to test for PFAS. Max will talk with Ted Walsh to find out how to approach Ted Diers.
 - b. Who can determine the sites for testing - Harper Brook would be best. Exact site to be determined.
 - c. Max has a tentative schedule
 - i. May 12 – Sept 8 (8 times) – both teams
 - ii. 4 sites and for elements for labs to analyze
 - iii. VRAP training May 3rd, Hazen Dr.
 - 1. Most likely via Zoom or they will make a training video
 - 2. DES unable to prepare the testing kits.
 - 3. When Max will report when the kits are ready.
- 6. David Jeffers Corner
 - a. LRPC meeting has been cancelled
 - b. LRPC will have a Webinar on May 18th regarding Energy and Electricity
 - c. David will send out information

Motion 8:43 by N. McIver second by B. Draper/ approved