

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

July 28, 2020 (7:00 PM)

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:

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Members Present: Barry Draper (New Hampton), Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Russ Brummer (New Hampton), Max Stamp (Bristol), Judy Farin (Bridge Water), Carl Lehner (Holderness), Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland), Myrtle Lewis (Thorton)

Guests: David Jeffers (LRPC), Patricia Schlessinger (New Hampton)

1. Meeting called to order by B. Bolton at 7:06 PM.
2. Approval of May 26, 2020 minutes as amended: Motion to approve by M. Stamp , seconded by C. Lehner, all approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. B. Bolton informed the committee of an excavation project, in progress, at 101 Depot Road in Thorton.
 - i. Fred Gunter (retired PRLAC member) alerted B. Bolton about the excavation.
 - ii. The property owner, John Roberge, did not follow the procedure to obtain an application from the DES, so PRLAC was unable to reviewed and comment on the project.
 - iii. B. Bolton and M. Lewis stopped by the property during VRAP testing: They described their observations of the site to the committee.
 1. Fill was brought to the site.
 2. Fill had stopped Hubbard Brook.
 3. A 350 ft channel had been dug to divert the brook.
 4. There was excavation around railroad trestle spanning Hubbard Brook, which was a point that sediment accumulated. DOT owns the rail and is planning to make repairs on the trestle. The rail is leased for use by HOBO Rail.
 5. The goal of the project is to make a wood bridge for private entry onto property and create natural-looking meanders for Hubbard Brook to flow.
 6. The project is open for further view and discussion. B. Bolton invited members to visit. M. Lewis will coordinate. She will also email pictures of the site to committee members.

- b. applied for the grant last year to update the "Pemi River Corridor Management Plan." We were not approved.
 - c. We have the information worked up from last year, so we can easily reapply this year.
 - d. We need to discuss how robust a management plan PRLAC wants to have. Steve Landry (DES) suggested correspondence of a river corridors type of plan (an entire watershed as opposed to one river).
 - e. DES suggests LACs utilize the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program. D. Jeffers will organize 2 or 3 options for PRLAC and present it at a meeting shortly.
6. M. Lewis reported J. Gallagher will not be involved in PRLAC. We need to fill the vacancy and his officer position. In a couple of months, we could have an election.
 7. M. Lewis has a lead on a person who may be interested in filling the vacancy.
 8. P. Schlessinger suggested that more needs be done to get more people interested in the geology, ecology, etc. of the Pemi River.

Adjourn 8:43: Motion by R. Brummer second by K. second/ all approved