## Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee July 28, 2020 (7:00 PM) Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: https://zoom.us/j/81281677907

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.

- 7. B. Bolton stated the need for a proposal from DES before PRLAC can make comments on the project.
- 8. B. Bolton considered the current use of the track and whether it would serve more of the community if the rail were removed to create a multi-use trail.
- b. M. Lewis inquired if PRLAC was involved with the Owl Nest Golf Course. B. Bolton gave a summary of PRLAC's permit acceptance.
- c. RMI New Hampton Dave Katz (LRPC commissioner from New Hampton) contacted D. Jeffers regarding the location of RMI and the Town of New Hampton Planning Board minutes. It described the preliminary hearing for the construction of the RMI buildings on Rt 175. It was decided R. Brummer will contact Dave Katz to address his needs.
- d. B. Bolton reported on a Zoom meeting he attended that included representatives from the White Mountain National Forest and NEMBA.
  - 1. \$800,000 is available for purchasing properties to establish multi-use trails and provide habitat to protected species. The plan includes:
  - 2. The Conservation Committee of Holderness bought Hidden Beach from Plymouth.
  - 3. Holderness School and the golf course are willing to sell the property behind the Irving Station, including the driving range.
  - 4. Mike Maginnely will create a pond and wetlands next to Market Basket in Plymouth.
- 4. B. Bolton presented pictures of a tree that fell into the Pemi due to erosion near the old Jellystone Park on RT 132 in Ashland.
  - a. M. Stamp raised the question of PRLAC's role in saving habitat for protected species. Suggested we should invite a speaker to a future meeting. D. Jeffers suggested contacting Tracy Sales first.
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  - c. B. Draper believes that Jellystone Park (or the current owners) would be willing to work with PRLAC to remedy the bank erosion.
  - d. D. Jeffers suggested contacting Shane Csiki (DES, NH Geological Survey, Fluvial Geomorphologist), who is looking at long term erosion/flooding events.
  - e. Making S. Csiki aware of the erosion at Jellystone might trigger site investigations along the Pemi to identify at-risk areas for erosion events.
  - f. D. Jeffers will reach out to S. Csiki if he is provided with details of the site. B. Draper will provide pictures of the eroded bank.

## 5. David Jeffers Corner

a. D. Jeffer's reported that the 604(b) grant letters of intent would be due by labor day.

- 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. Gallager 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