

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
October 27, 2015 at Holderness Town Hall
Holderness, New Hampshire

Minutes

Members Present:

Max Stamp (Bristol); Dan Paradis (Bristol); Dan Stack (Ashland); Leigh Sharps (Ashland); Kelly van Lingen (New Hampton); Carl Lehner (Holderness); Fred Gunter (Thornton); Barry Draper (New Hampton).
Absent: Bill Bolton (Plymouth); Jane Kellogg (Campton); Mike O'Donnell (Holderness)

Also Present:

Dave Jeffers (LRPC)

Call to Order:

Chairman M. Stamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomed the new members and asked everyone present to give their name and town.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Lehner made a motion seconded by F. Gunter to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

PRLAC Funding:

PRLAC's budget is primarily used to defray costs for administrative and technical services provided by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. 2014 saw a deficit. A lengthy discussion followed on funding. A request for funding support (8 towns) was sent 9/15/15. M. Stamp appeared before the Bristol Budget Committee 10/26; Ashland has scheduled a review in early November.

Northern Pass (NP):

Member concerns regarding the Northern Pass project were discussed for the remainder of the meeting. M. Stamp outlined the two areas of PRLAC interest:

1. NP permit applications that invade the 250' Pemi protected area (some with 11/27 due dates) and
2. Discussion of possibly petitioning the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) for "intervenor" status and submitting issues/concerns testimony.

Discussion included what should be considered in developing PRLAC testimony. Our areas of responsibility involve alteration of terrain, storm water management, and transiting wetlands, especially at river crossings during the construction phase. Is there a need or requirement for us to visit the sites in our towns and/ or a requirement for DES to do so? B. Draper, K. Van Lingen, M. Stamp volunteered to look at site visit options.

Detailed maps of the project are available for each town's portion of the route including above ground tower placements and their height above grade. D. Jeffers demonstrated how best to access the NP website to get tower heights/locations and other details.

F. Gunter indicated that DOT has issues with NP using state road right of ways to bury the cable.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Pease Public Library in Plymouth.

Adjournment:

F. Gunter made a motion seconded by C. Lehner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. Stack
Acting Secretary