

**DRAFT Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
May 28, 2024 Meeting**

Plymouth Public Library, 1 Russell St., Highland St., Plymouth, NH 03264

Members Present:

Ashland:

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton:

Holderness:

Lincoln:

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock: James Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC:

Guest:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Myrtle.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the April 2024 meeting were reviewed. No revisions were made. Bill made a motion to approve, Myrtle seconded. All approved.
3. A review of the **LRPC Annual Meeting** to confirm who will attend. Bill, Judy and Sherrill will be going. The PRLAC table will be manned by PRLAC staff from 4:30 – 5:15.
4. Bill reviewed the **VRAP** (river testing) program which is in progress. A change in testing sites might be made as PRLAC plans to add the north segment of the river to the testing process. James let us know that DES is unable to provide any additional equipment for this, so the North team will have to share with the Central team. In addition, Ted Walsh sent James a list of testing sites in the north that they want us to include.

Judy let Bill know that the dissolved oxygen meter was not working correctly on the last two site visits. Bill will contact Barry and possibly take it to Concord to have it re-calibrated. The South team is also low on the calibration fluid for this meter.

5. PRLAC received a **Standard Dredge and Fill application for Bridge #076/080**, which is the bridge over the Pemi between Ashland and Bridgewater. They are planning a two-year repair of the bridge starting in 2025. They plan to build truss work on the banks of the Pemi, and will plan on taking it down and restoring the banks when they are done.

6. Judy has drafted a tri-fold **handout about PRLAC** and the 2024 management plan. LRPC will print the brochures. Final edits have been made.
7. It was suggested that **VRAP** volunteers share contact information in case there are any last-minute changes to schedules.
8. Campton received a notice about a **culvert replacement on Rt. 175 and Palmer Brook**. Sherrill will join members of the Campton Conservation Commission for site visit in early June.
9. Sherrill received a large packet from Horizon Engineering outlining an AoT application for the **Rising Ridge subdivision expansion at Owl's Nest Resort**. Campton PB has given provisional approval. Sherrill will assess in early June.
10. Three members of PRLAC have their membership due for renewal. They are: Kathleen, Lisa, and Tyson. They have been notified by LRPC.
11. Myrtle brought up that there are two **NH Climate Action Plan Meetings** scheduled for June 5 or June 6th. This will be a conversation about NH's priority measures, discuss readiness for potential Implementation Grants, and continue community engagement.
12. There is a **new OPUF (On Premises Use Facility) leak** in Campton, NH at 151 Beaver Brook Rd that has home heating oil bleeding out of shallow groundwater into an ephemeral stream and then eventually into the Pemigewasset River. The volume of the release is unknown and is believed to be a long-term issue. There are currently sorbent boom sections in several locations to collect any free product and the responsible party is beginning the cleanup process. This is FYI.
13. On June 25 there will be a public hearing on proposed changes for **Alteration of Terrain rules**. Several examples of proposed rule updates include:
 1. *A revision to "steep slope" rules to clarify how to calculate slope criteria, exclude some public projects that already have engineer oversight, and add a requirement for diversion swales above disturbed areas to prevent erosion.*
 2. *A revision to a rule for projects located within "Class A and Outstanding Resource Watersheds" to allow the use of other treatment technologies equal to what is allowed in the current rule and add more flexibility for redevelopment projects by allowing submission of a pollutant loading analysis.*
 3. *The addition of a schedule of fines for violations related to state statute RSA 485-A:17.*

Please note the July 3 deadline to provide written comments.
14. James had some question about why the **Town of Woodstock** was getting an invoice from LRPC on behalf of PRLAC for \$300.00. Woodstock is not a member of PRLAC, but considered a cooperating partner. They do not get all the benefits

a participating community gets, so they wondered why they had to pay. This will have to be brought to the attention of Dave Jeffers from LRPC to resolve.

15. July 1st is the joint meeting of the **Lincoln – Woodstock Selectmen**. Sherrill and Judy will go to this meeting to present them with the new management plan. They will also make a push to have those towns get included in PRLAC. This would take new legislation, but PRLAC needs the towns approvals before pursuing that legislation.
16. Copies of the **2024 PRLAC Management Plan** were printed by LRPC. 2 copies per community were distributed to those members present. This included Lincoln and Woodstock since they contributed to the drafting of this plan.
17. James motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Bill seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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