

**DRAFT Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
July 30, 2024 Meeting**

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

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas

Holderness:

Lincoln: O.J. Robinson

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw, Russ Brummer, Barry Draper

Plymouth:

Thornton:

Woodstock:

At Large:

LRPC:

Guest: Brenna Woodman from Campton

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the June 2024 meeting were reviewed. Kathleen suggested to strike the sentence in item 18 about Holderness. All agreed. No other revisions were made. Kathleen made a motion to approve, Janet seconded. Minutes approved with revision.
3. Sherrill received some Standard Dredge and Fill applications for Campton and Thornton. Primarily for the Power Line Maintenance. She sent back the standard reply recommending Best Management Practices (BMP's) and to be aware of wetlands and vernal pools.
4. Sherrill reminds the group about two grant opportunities. **Water Quality Planning 604(b) Grants.** Water Quality Planning 604(b) grants are available for water quality planning purposes, including river corridor management plans. The 2025 Request for Letter of Intent (LOI) is now available. An approximate total award amount of \$180,000 is available with \$25,000 of this amount set aside for a corridor plan. Please contact Tracie Sales if you are considering submitting an LOI this year. All LOIs are due by 4:00 PM, September 16, 2024 and can be sent to Andrea Bejtlich at andrea.l.bejtlich@des.nh.gov.

Watershed Assistance Section 319 Grants

NHDES' Watershed Assistance Section has released the 2025 Watershed Assistance Grants' Pre-proposal request for proposals (RFP) to support local initiatives to restore

impaired waters or protect high quality waters. Pre-proposals are due by 4:00 PM, September 16, 2024 and can be submitted using the downloadable mail in form.

5. Final Plans for **Eversource Power Line Rebuild for Franklin** were received. No noticeable worries beyond the standard of using BMP's and watching for wetlands. No response sent.
6. July 18th Sherrill, Kathleen and Judy met at **Owl's Nest (ONA) in Ashland** to meet with the management to review the plans for the new cart barn. The representative never showed. Sherrill did manage to get him by phone and he admitted that he forgot.

The group did walk the proposed site, even though ONA had not staked out any of their plans. The primary concerns include the proximity to a very steep ravine leading to water. The washing for the carts could allow runoff down into the ravine damaging the ecosystem with the golf course chemicals that are washed off the carts. There does not appear to be enough plans in place to make sure all washing is collected and processed safely.

They also plan on paving an area that is now grass. This will only lead to more impervious surfaces allowing more runoff. This is also a concern.

Sherrill will draft a response expressing out concerns.

7. Thornton Planning Board held a meeting July 18th for a hearing regarding the **Pemi River Campground proposed expansion**. The plans are now for 25 RV sites. The Campground does not want to ask for any permits from NHDES until they get the Town of Thornton's approval. The plans overall were discussed at length with no conclusion. Sherrill attended and voiced PRLAC's concerns about the plans. The application was tabled until the next meeting which will be August 15th at 6:00 PM at the Thornton Town offices.
8. PRLAC received notice of a special permit application from **the NH Department of Agriculture Division of Pesticide Control**. This permit will allow for herbicide application to control invasive species and poison ivy at NH Department of Transportation bridges. Most PRLAC members had serious concerns about the type of herbicides that are proposed being used. PRLAC members are encouraged to send their comments and concerns to Sherrill by August 10th so that she can send the response by August 16th.
9. The group reviewed the **2024 Rivers and Lakes Legislative Tracking Document** July 30, 2024. This was FYI and details can be seen on the email from Nisa Marks.
10. Kathleen mentioned that she received a notice from the **Whip-o-Will Hill Village mobile home park** located in **Plymouth, NH** that her property in Ashland was in the Whip-O-Will's Well Water Protection Area and to be aware and careful of what property owners might

flush down their systems. Kathleen did not realize that the well water protection area extended that far down into Ashland.

11. Janet motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Barry seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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