

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
November 28, 2017 at Pease Public Library
Plymouth, New Hampshire

Members Present:

Barry Draper (New Hampton); Bill Bolton (Plymouth); Carl Lehner (Holderness); Dan Paradis (Bristol); Dan Stack (Ashland); Judy Faran (Bridgewater); Max Stamp (Bristol); Russ Brummer (New Hampton)

Members Excused:

Leigh Sharps (Ashland)

Members Absent:

Fred Gunter (Thornton); Jane Kellogg (Campton); Mike O'Donnell (Holderness)

Also Present:

Lisa Doner (Plymouth resident)

Call to Order:

The Chair, Bill Bolton called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:05 PM

At this time:

Dan Stack and Dan Paradis indicated that they were both resigning from PRLAC after the first of the year.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Dan Stack to approve minutes of October 31, 2017 with a minor adjustment to the meeting location (Pease Public Library instead of the Plymouth Town Hall); seconded by Russ Brummer. The motion carried with one abstention.

Review Recent Permit Application Site Visits

- a. Bill Bolton recounted the findings that he and Lisa Doner made during an onsite inspection of (File Number: 20171020-155), "Exit 29 Sand & Gravel" facility in Campton. Through the use of a manufactured retention pond, the facility captured the majority of the particulates before exiting the facility grounds. Because this facility took in material from other sites, they were reminded to be aware of the possibility of spreading invasive plants to other locations through the delivery of contaminated material.
- b. Max Stamp, Dan Stack and Barry Draper visited the Thornton private home (File Number: 2017-03211), which needs extensive riverbank work in order to stabilize the slope that drops off behind this private residence.

Town membership payment status discussion (Ashland and Bristol updates)

Dan Stack reported that he was one signature short, but had just about completed the petition warrant article that Ashland required in order for them to include the PRLAC payment in their annual Town budget.

There was not further response from Bristol after Max Stamp's visit to the Bristol Budget Committee

Standing agenda item: Follow-up with Section 3 (Water Quality Impairments) of the Implementation Matrix:

It was agreed that the Water Quality Impairment section be sent out to all members of PRLAC, as well as the 2013 Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan, and also consult with David Jeffers to determine who is assigned to what task in Section 3.

The Doodle Poll for signing up for the revolving duties of our meeting Secretary had not been completed by PRLAC members, and no one had signed up for the November meeting. Bill volunteered to be Secretary for this meeting. Judy Faran admitted that she had been Secretary in her previous appointment to PRLAC, and she would offer to do this again in a few months.

Max Stamp made a motion to go into non-public to discuss the Northern Pass activities and Russ Brummer seconded. The motion passed.

Judy Faran made the motion to come out of non-public, Dan Stack seconded and the motion passed.

Any Other Items:

Lisa Doner gave a report on the DES-approved dredging of a channel in the Baker River in the Town of Warren. The dredging was to remediate the silting that occurred during recent October floods, and these floods had filled in channels and created downstream sandbars. DES offered emergency permits to Towns so that they could fix these siltation issues. The Warren project ended up with a straight channel with high banks, without regard for normal river meandering. This will likely create additional issues for downstream Towns in future flooding events. Lisa was asked by the Committee to draft a letter to DES explaining that their emergency permitting of ill-advised projects has negative consequences, and does not account for the possible future exacerbation of siltation and downstream river flooding that may have resulted from such permitting. A suggestion was made by Max Stamp to send this letter to Rene Pellitier and copy the Towns affected by the Warren dredging project.

Lisa also provided a brief update on a training event she had just attended regarding ice-jams. This training was provided by river and ice jam experts from NHGS, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Cold Regions Research Engineering Laboratory, and was hosted at four NH locations, to include Plymouth.

Dan Stack made the motion, seconded by Russ Brummer to Adjourn at 9:05

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