

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

March 16, 2019 at Pease Public Library

Plymouth, NH

Members present:

Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Jane Kellogg (Campton), Judy Faran (Bridgewater), Max Stamp (Bristol), Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland), Russ Brummer (New Hampton), John Gallagher (Thornton), Lisa Draper (Plymouth), Carl Lehner (Holderness).

1. Minutes- Minutes from February 2019 were reviewed. No changes. Motion to approve by Kathleen, Lisa -2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.
2. A number of members attended the 2018 Annual LAC Workshop which was held March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Some of the feedback included:

Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund. Funds only available in 2019 for the Lower Merrimack. Funds are available for 2020. Need is based on mitigation need lists compiled by the towns Conservation Commission. PRLAC members are encouraged to contact their local CC to see if they have such a list.

Wetland Rules Revisions. The revisions compiled by DES have been submitted for approval. Approval could change time limits for Site Plan Reviews and size and definition of projects. DES will provide training if the changes go forward.

How a bill is passed. The legislation process was discussed.

Understanding Construction Project Plans. How to interpret what you are looking at.

LAC and Communication. LAC's are encouraged to use social media to get the word out.

3. Permit applications. In regards to the Plymouth Water and Sewer Districts plan to create an auxiliary well in Holderness. Two members attended a site visit. There was a planned 48 hour discharge test. This did not take place. Members did observe the plans for the test and submitted their comments to DES.

The Takazowa permit was approved for bank stabilization in Thornton.

PRLAC received an application regarding Duffield Engineering regarding a Thornton shoreline project. The project was deemed outside of PRLAC jurisdiction and discarded.

4. Legislative update. The spreadsheet available on the DES or LRPC websites.
5. Membership update. We have a new member Dan Boynton (Campton).

6. The PRLAC budget was discussed with numbers provided by LRPC. While the budget was tight in 2018, 2019 is looking better.
7. Northern Pass. Letters of support of the SEC denial of the Northern Pass project were submitted to the NH Supreme Court March 21, 2019. PRLAC joined SPNF in their support.
8. Plymouth and New Hampton have received their grants to develop with LRPC Ground Water Protection Ordinance for their town which will enable them to define the aquifer zones.
9. VRAP training. The annual VRAP meeting will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Members should RSVP Ted Walsh if they wish to attend. [ted.walsh@des.nh.gov](mailto:ted.walsh@des.nh.gov)

Discussion was held as to whether to change water testing sites to take in consideration possible contamination from the Baker River. The northern water testing team will look to see if this will be possible.

10. Notice was given for the 2019 Drinking Water Source Protection Conference which will be held Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Grappone Center in Concord. An admission is \$65.00.
11. John Gallagher is planning a Clean the Pemi Workshop which he holds annually from his recreation business in Thornton. This is to be held Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Participants will launch in canoes and kayaks in Thornton and will be taken out in Campton. They will receive trash bags to collect trash during their trip. There will be other activities as well, possibly including a talk about the history of the Pemi from a Campton resident. Proceeds to benefit PRLAC. PRLAC may help with publicity via DES website.
12. The discussion of the Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan Matrix section 3 was tabled.
13. Motion to adjourn by Russ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. All adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Faran