

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

July 31, 2018 at Pease Public Library

Plymouth, NH

Members present:

Judy Faran (Bridgewater), Max Stamp (Bristol), Carl Lehner (Holderness), Barry Draper (New Hampton), Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland), Russ Brummer (New Hampton).

1. Minutes- Minutes were reviewed. No changes. Motion to approve by Kathleen, Carl -2nd. All approved.
2. Dave Jeffers was unable to attend, but passed along some notes. In September LRPC will be submitting an application for a Drinking Source-water Study from DES. They will be drafting letters asking for support from towns and PRLAC.
3. Members reviewed the PRLAC Management Plan matrix and further discussion is tabled for a later date.
4. Two permit applications came in on short notice (File # 2018-01998 and File # 2018-02013). These sites were visited by Barry and Max and Bill Bolton and comments were submitted to DES.
5. The July 10, 2018 water testing was completed with the South team testing as usual. The North team (Max, Bill, John Gallagher, Myrtle Lewis) were visited by Andrea Hansen of DES and were given extensive training on sampling techniques and use of equipment. Samples were taken to Concord. The training was well received.
6. Northern Pass was discussed. July 12, 2018 the SEC denied the permit application. Northern Pass has 30 days to respond. If still denied they may appeal to the NH State Supreme Court.
7. Further discussion on the Right of Way crossovers over the Pemi. These right-of-ways cross over the Pemi 5 times in PRLAC's jurisdiction. The issue is destabilized river banks at utility ROW crossovers. Max will pull together key elements of water quality concerns and seek PRLAC approval to pursue additional river protection. Assuming approval – a sub-committee will be assembled to outline course of action.
8. Kathleen brought up a question of posting public notices in advance of our site review visits. She says these notices need to be posted 24 in advance, usually at town offices, post office, and town website. PRLAC will look into this.
9. Motion to adjourn at 8:20PM by Russ, 2nd by Barry. All adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Faran