

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

September 25, 2018 at Pease Public Library

Plymouth, NH

Members present:

Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Judy Faran (Bridgewater), Max Stamp (Bristol), Barry Draper (New Hampton), Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland), Russ Brummer (New Hampton), John Gallagher (Thornton), Lisa Doner (Plymouth).

LRPC: Dave Jeffers

1. Minutes- Minutes were reviewed. No changes. Motion to approve by Kathleen, Max -2nd. Approved, one abstention.
2. Dave Jeffers – LRPC is compiling a grant proposal to NH-DES to work with one or more communities to draft a Ground Water Protection Ordinance for their town. This ordinance would then be eligible for the towns to adopt at their town meeting. The ordinance would provide a protection overlay to the towns Master Plan and if adopted by the town would give aid to the planning boards in their decision making.

The grant proposal is due to NH-DES by the end of October 2018. Members are encouraged to contact their towns to see if they would be interested in participating. Dave will send out samples of letters to members for their use.

3. No permit applications were submitted.
4. PRLAC memberships: Jane Kellogg from Campton was re-appointed. John Gallagher from Thornton was appointed. Fred Gunter has not renewed his membership.
5. Site Review notification requirements were discussed. Dave stated that as long as there is not a quorum at the site review there is no need for prior notifications of the visit. The group that does the site review then sends their comments to NH-DES with the statement “comments conditional on approval by PRLAC”.
6. The status of PRLAC officers was reviewed. There is no Vice-chairman appointed at this time. It was decided to wait until the November meeting to vote on officers. The committee decided to cancel the October 2018 meeting.
7. Northern Pass: Max discussed that a “Joinder in joint motion for summary affirmance of the orders of the site evaluation committee dated March 30, 2018 and July 12, 2018” was signed by a number of intervener’s and others who oppose Northern Pass. This collection of letters was sent to the NH Supreme court in August as a statement that they concur with the SEC’s denial of the Northern Pass permit.
8. The committee reviewed each item in the Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan Matrix section 3. Notes were made of each item updating the status of that item.

9. Dave mentioned that budget letters were being drafted asking towns for their annual donation to PRLAC.
10. John Gallagher mentioned the possibility of a “clean up the Pemi Day” next spring that might include a get together at the Mad River Coffee House including a silent auction and music. Participants would get a reduced cost of kayak rentals if they picked up trash along their trip.
11. Lisa proposed that we create a PRLAC brochure that we could display and offer at the Livermore Falls State Park kiosk.
12. Judy Faran mentioned that a camper at Jellystone campground in New Hampton had knocked down a fence along the Pemi and had created his own boat ramp. Judy will send a note to the DES.
13. Motion to adjourn by Lisa, 2nd by Barry. All adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Faran