

**PRLAC Meeting Minutes – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**In-person only, October 26th, 2021 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Pease Public Library, 1 Russell Street, Plymouth**

**Attendees:** Bill Bolton (Chair), Myrtle Lewis, Suellen Skinner, Barry Draper, Tyson Morrill, Carl Lehner, Max Stamp, Judy Faran, Katri Gurney, Sherrill Howard, Neil McIver (arrived 6:49 pm), Lisa Doner (Scribe), Dave Jeffers (LRPC) and Paige Wilson (LRPC, guest), Tink Taylor (Friends of Pemi)

Call to order: 6:33 pm

Dave Jeffers introduced Paige Wilson of LRPC

Approved minutes September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting (Judy moved, Max 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor)

Tink Taylor reported about Friends of the Pemi (FOP) meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. About 30 minutes of discussion, including Tink's report:

Summary of Report - FOP gave a tour of Livermore Falls projects, East and West sides. New England Chapter, National Society for Industrial Archaeology Board of Directors joined the tour - most are retired engineers, mill operators. They met in Plymouth to visit the Pumpkinseed Bridge (made in 1868 by the Berlin Company), Blair Bridge, Dole Mill and the Beebe River Mill community. Indicates tourism scope. Pulp Mill images are at the Plymouth Historical Society. Pumpkinseed bridge now 103 feet above the river. Any rebuild of approach to it from Campton would need to be 26 ft over the railroad tracks. Ownership not clear. Initial owners were the towns of Plymouth, Holderness and Campton. Fish & Game deeded the land to NH State Parks. In 1970's a hydroelectric dam at the site was proposed by Clarke of Clarke's Trading Post. Proposal included an Army Corp of Engineers assessment with maps of the area, rock cores, soil studies, flood area. No one seems to know where this report is. (Scribe's note: other Army Corp studies in the area - Baker River Flood Control Project – are at the Grafton County records office in North Haverhill.)

Discussion by the PRLAC group – in 1979, the bridge was given to the owner of Campton Sand and Gravel on condition that he remove the bridge. Initial attempts failed, with some bridge parts landing in the river. The NH Attorney General's office reports no conveyance language about ownership by the State. Phil Bryce is director of NH Parks Division (Scribe query – was there more here? Was the no conveyance something Bryce reported? Bridge is a national treasure and should go on the National Historic Registry. The Industrial Archaeologists expressed great pleasure in seeing it. Funding to improve the site might come from Ibiderola Corp's fines from State of NH for viewshed violation (\$100,000). We should query if historic sites can access that money. Bridge is mentioned in the 1979 Pemi Corridor Management Plan, page 50 (Tink Taylor is CMP author). Tink Taylor left the room at 7:05 pm.

**Motion by Judy, Barry 2<sup>nd</sup>: Send a letter to Senator Kenny requesting that the Pumpkinseed Bridge be added to the historic registry and that (the State?) take ownership. All approved.**

7:08 pm:

**Existing Permit Applications:**

- a. 2021-03216 – Emergency Authorization Verification: Emergency Authorization to stabilize a section of failed retaining wall and associated slope using Class A stone in the Town of Bristol.

**Discussion:** Max and Barry visited the site. The work was already done.

b. Permit No. DES-SW-TP-95-014 – New Hampton Municipal Landfill, 4285 River Road, Bristol, NH Incomplete Application: Request for Additional Information regarding Application for Type I-B permit modification to decommission the active gas management system; initial application received August 24, 2021; Application No. 2021-55885.

<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/DESOneStop/SWFDetail.aspx?ID=0000028>.

**Discussion:** purpose of decommissioning the monitoring, and PRLAC's role. Cost of monitoring maintenance is reason to decommission – mowing, tree growth and wildlife prevention. Capped landfill will still need other actions to prevent puncturing of the cap. 1 year timeline for New Hampton to resubmit request. **Action: Myrtle will meet with New Hampton officials to discuss their long-term plan for the landfill. Barry and Max will meet with the Town of Bristol.**

c. 2021-02906 – Shoreland Permit Application: 180 Ayers Island Rd., Bristol – DES Approval dated 10-13-21. **Discussion:** Max and Barry visited the site. This is for a solar array near the river. Trees cut already, left a 250 ft buffer between site and the river. The electric power is for the treatment plant.

d. CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 004 (Campton, Thornton) – Owl's Nest right of way (ROW) request. Tyson Morrill provided an update on his research on this. **Summary** – Golf course was constructed around an existing ROW. Issue is ability for public to access the ROW. Street signs indicate no public access. Tyson discussed this with Tracey Sales. There are plans for a parking area and kiosk to inform the public about the management area.

#### **New Items:**

- Horizons Engineering adding an alteration of terrane request, 4800 ft for hotel at Meadow II (Lafayette Lodge) and parking. Sherrill, Tyson, Myrtle and Katri volunteered to be point people on this. Site visit desired with no quorum. Concern is total request of water withdrawals. New owner of site. Marc Burnell (Horizons project engineer) is the contact person for the application. **(10 min total)**
- Follow-up on a culvert discussion in Thornton – re Fish & Game grant for fish passage. Culvert rebuild planned 2022. Need to know if fish are isolated by culvert. Possible work (if funded) by PSU faculty on broader area of Pemi. **(6 min total)**
- Membership maintenance and growth: Dave Jeffers said membership renewals action needed ASAP, overdue. Meredith is a supporter of PRLAC; maybe we should ask them to join. We should reinvite Lincoln/Woodstock – maybe find a different avenue to initiate support (i.e. Rotary Club).
- Baker River in Plymouth - no-trails conservation easement language required by DES is creating a problem for a riverside trail planned by town entities. PRLAC should be aware that these kinds of limitations can arise.

Move to adjourn (Suellen, moved, Barry 2<sup>nd</sup>) – no dissent. 8:33 pm adjourned.