



Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
August 31, 2021 07:00 PM Meeting Minutes
In-person and Zoom – Minutes taken from Recording.

Minutes – August 31, 2021

1. Attendees - In person: Bill Bolton, Carl Lehner, Sueellen Skinner, Max Stamp, Tyson Morrill, Cheryl Howard, Myrtle Lewis. On zoom: Judy Faran.
2. Approval of minutes from July 27, 2021 meeting. Carl moved to accept, Max 2nd. All in favor, no change.
3. Permit Applications:
 - a. Alteration of terrain for expansion of the Ambrose pit in Bridgewater – permit number has been assigned. Discussion of issues mostly about trailer park impacts and their wellhead situated within pit area. No interest in a site visit. Motion to accept without comment (**Scribe note: did not catch who moved, nor who 2nd**). All in favor.
 - b. Notice of a draft NPDES permit issued for the Ashland WWTF. Nonaction, just an FYI.
 - c. Shoreland Permit File Number: 2021-02598: Jellystone Campground; removal of an existing building and replacement with a new building on same but smaller footprint. Building is setback from the river. No expression of concern from the group.
 - d. Withdrawal of Permit # 2021-01456: Eversource withdrew their application. Using their Statutory Permit by Notification process for impacts associated with the A111 Electric Transmission Line Rebuild maintenance work in Franklin. Some discussion about implications of this type of action. Eversource sometimes mows all the way to the river bank, not leaving a buffer. Emergency action can be done without prior approval.
 - e. Update on the Pemi River Campground in Thornton. Bill was going to look at the site; proposed addition of two septic systems and a RR crossing made this problematic. Abutter notification of concern to DES led to a site visit by Town officials. Town decided not to approve the permit request.
4. Response to Ashland's application for funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program to implement energy conservation measures. (**Scribe note: I didn't hear anything about this. Was it discussed?**)
5. Amendment to Owl's Nest Pemi water withdrawal permit, to allow for continued withdrawal beyond filling their 37 million gallon man-made lined recreation pond. Discussion of the request and areas of concern (amount of water request allows, additional wells with more demand). DES not worried about usage; very high yielding aquifer with fast recharge, only pulling 1% of flow in river.
6. Local source water protection grant opportunities – round table discussion of types of grant requests funded in prior years. Very broad opportunity. Not hard to access even without a town planner.
7. Dave Jeffers corner: not present; no report from him.
8. Other items:
 - a. discussion on well testing and salt impacts,
 - b. Conservation Commission in Thornton reviewed a wetland impact on Centennial Rd, Thornton. Owners doing a good job protecting the small wetland. No concerns.

- c. Tyson moving from Ashland to Meredith. He discussed what role he might have at PRLAC when no longer representing Ashland. Wishes to remain involved & Tracey Sales at DES is in favor of an ad-hoc appointment for him.
 - d. Tyson warned that this time of year cyanobacteria blooms can affect lakes. Squam Lake had one in Center Harbor area in Aug. Last year at this time White Oak Pond had one. Can be hazardous.
9. **Adjourn** – motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Carl moved, Cheryl? 2nd. All in favor.