

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
March 27, 2018 at Pease Public Library
Plymouth, NH

Members Present:

Dan Paradis (Bristol); William Bolton (Plymouth); Max Stamp (Bristol); Russ Brummer (New Hampton); Leigh Sharps (Ashland); Barry Draper (New Hampton).

Also Present:

Guest: Rebecca Hanson.

Call to order – 7:00 PM by William Bolton

1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed. Bill motioned to accept, Barry 2nd. All approved.

2. Guest speaker:

Rebecca Hanson is the Director of Conservation with the Squam Lakes Association. Rebecca has just completed her Master thesis on Modelling Aquatic Systems to Predict Emerging Pollutants.

Rebecca worked on two methods of using current data to make models of what would be predicted environmental changes to the Squam Lakes aquifer. She used two modelling systems; STEPL which uses data gathered over 30 years, and the more advanced system SWAT.

These models will be used to help build the Squam Lakes Association Aquifer Management plan. These systems require GIS and hydrologic expertise to use.

As the Squam Lakes empty into the Pemigewasset River the data collected could prove useful for PRLAC. In addition, discussion was made as to PRLAC possibly using these systems separately.

One benefit is by having this data we can locate potential issues down the road, and thus have plans in place for anticipation of problems. Funding is better if an organization shows that they already have a plan in place.

3. Permit Applications reviewed:

- a. Phase One Owls Nest Development Plan. Bill and possibly Mike O'Donnell will try to visit the site soon. Comments due by April 13.2018.
- b. Sunrise at Owls Nest. Site was visited and comments submitted. Complete.
- c. Application for Clean Water State Revolving funds. Review and completed.

4. Bill 1558 was noted as tabled, but concern that it might resurface was discussed.

5. Tonight was the final meeting for long time member Dan Paradis. Dan started his volunteer work with PRLAC July, 8, 1998 and has lasted 21 years! Dan was instrumental in creating the 1st Management Plan 2001. His skill in written communication shows in the documents clean concise wording, making it a less wordy, user friendly document. Dan was also instrumental in joining the VRAP water testing program and starting up water testing on a regular basis with the help of other PRLAC volunteers. Prior to this, water quality was seldom tested on the Pemi.

Dan also received LRPC's Kim Ayers Award in recognition of his lengthy volunteer commitment to Bristol's Planning Board. A letter was sent to Dan from the N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee Chair Michele Tremblay. Bill read the letter, which gave glowing praise and thanks to Dan and his work with PRLAC.

Several members present at this meeting commented on Dan's great contributions to PRLAC. Other members, who were unable to attend, passed along their thanks and congratulations to Dan via email.

6. Other Items:

*Water testing schedule to be tentatively drawn up by Max and to start May 1, 2018.

*Funding- In April LRPC will send out invoices to towns.

7. Max motioned for adjournment, Dan, 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully, submitted,

Judy Faran (Bridgewater)