

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
May 29, 2018 at Pease Public Library
Plymouth, NH

Members Present:

William Bolton, Chair (Plymouth); Max Stamp (Bristol); Lisa Doner (Plymouth); Barry Draper (New Hampton), Judy Faran (Bridgewater); Mike O'Donnell (Holderness); Carl Lehner (Holderness); Kathleen DeWolfe (Ashland)

Also Present:

John Gallagher – Thornton
Dave Jeffers – LRPC
Tracie Sales – DES Manager of the Rivers and Lakes Programs
Myrtle Lewis – Thornton

Call to order – 7:00 PM by Max Stamp

1. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed. One change: Add the word “to” to the 2nd sentence of item 11. Carl motioned to accept, Barry 2nd. All approved.

2. Review of Hubbard Brook:

A number of members attended a tour of the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in North Woodstock, NH. Members shared their experiences.

3. Membership.

Lisa Doner has been formally approved as a member from Plymouth. Dave Jeffers announced that some members are due for renewal and some have lapsed. Dave is pursuing those memberships.

4. Water Quality Testing Workshop.

Max gave a review of the Water Quality Testing Workshop that some members attended May 12th in Concord. Max will work with Lisa Doner in coordinating PSU student assistance on the Northern sector of the Pemigewasset. Ms. Sales stated that there is a fund that may be able to be used if we need to replace or repair testing equipment.

5. Permit applications:

- a. File number: 2018-01303. This site was reviewed by Jane Kellogg and comments were submitted to DES.
- b. It has come to the committee's attention that there is a Thornton contractor who had some concerns about some building going on upstream from his location. Committee to see if Jane Kellogg could look into this,

6. Miscellaneous.

HB1358 had now been officially killed off.

The Forest Service has been sued by a solar company regarding Northern Pass.

7. Tracie Sales- DES.

Tracie has been visiting all the LAC committees to meet the members and get to know the issues they are dealing with. She announced her programs has just hired a full-time position and will be looking to fill the part-time position. This gives them more manpower to accomplish their agenda.

Warner River will be the 19th river to join the River Management System. The Sacco, Cocheeco, and Swift Rivers LAC's are no longer active.

Her office will be doing some town contacts to push membership.

She has been reviewing the feedback she is been getting on the Wetland Rules Draft that she had circulated. DES is reviewing the comments and the revised version should be out by fall or early winter. There will be a 2nd round of comments requested.

Max asked Tracie about the bank stabilization issue regarding the Utilities right to mow right up to the edge of the river. Tracie explained that Utilities were exempt from the laws that prohibit clear cutting along the river's edge.

8. Agenda Item 7.

Standing agenda item, "follow-up with Section 3" was tabled for this session.

9. Thornton/Campton Water Access Ramp.

Guest John Gallagher from Thornton expressed concern over a problem with a boat access ramp under the Memorial Bridge in Thornton. He brought pictures. There is a large hole that has formed around an abutment and a large quantity of rocks and riprap has washed up onto the ramp making it very difficult to access the river. There is concern about the stability of the abutment as well as finding out how to get the ramp cleaned up. He is asking the Committee for help in determining the next steps to take.

Committee advised that the first step was to go to the town and find out who the property owner(s) are. This would then help determine what to do next.

10. Bill motioned for adjournment, Barry, 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Faran (Bridgewater)