

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #236

Monday, August 21, 2017, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Emma Sawyer Room, Weare Public Library

Weare, NH

AGENDA

- Minutes of July 17, 2017
- Review of NHDES permit applications (as required)
- Discussion of Bass Island
  - Status of discussions with Trust for Public Lands
  - Identify possible dates for site visit with NHDOT
- Set next meeting date
- Adjournment

**NOTE: If no permit applications are received by Thursday, 8/17, the meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting will be September 18. Call Dick Ludders at 603-995-4311 to confirm the August meeting status.**

**PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)**

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**July 17, 2017**

**MINUTES**

Convened 6:40 pm by Dick Ludders in the reading room, Weare Public Library

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dick Ludders, Weare; Gary Samuels, Deering; Alan Garfield, Goffstown; John Magee, At-Large; Andy Cadorette, Goffstown; Jane Beaulieu, Manchester

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

None

**MINUTES:**

Approved the minutes from the June 19th meeting as written.

**PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS:**

None received.

Alan Garfield questioned whether two new houses adjacent to the river on Gregg Mill Road in New Boston had been reviewed by the PRLAC. John Magee found we had, on 4/28/14, and was going to check whether NHDES included any of the PRLAC's comments in the permit the issued

**CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

The availability of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for use implementing portions of the recently completed Culvert Prioritization Study had been communicated by Dick Ludders to SNHPC following the last meeting. Dick has not heard back from SNHPC whether they plan to submit a letter of interest by the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Dick will follow-up with SNHPC as to their interest.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Alan Garfield and Kevin Pobst attended the June 27 meeting regarding milfoil control in Goffstown. The Town has established a fund which will be allotted some amount each year for the control of milfoil in Town. The PRLAC expressed its opinion that the methods used should include non-herbicide techniques as well as herbicides.

There is still interest in a site visit to Bass Island with NHDOT to view the post-construction status of the island. Dick will contact NHDOT to get available dates and coordinate with PRLAC for attendance. Jane Beaulieu will contact the Manchester City Engineer to clarify the developable area of the island and provide that information to the Trust For Public Lands. It is the opinion of the PRLAC that City ownership is the preferred status of the island to complement the adjacent existing City park and rail trail.

In response to a remark overheard by Kevin Pobst at a Francestown meeting that some portion of the Piscataquog River in the town was not part of the "Designated River", Dick inquired of Tracie Sales at NHDES for clarification. Tracie reported there is a discrepancy between the graphic depiction of the Designated River and the language in the statute and was unsure how to resolve the discrepancy. The PRLAC is of the opinion that common legal practice is for the wording of the statute, which states the start of the Middle Branch to be at Scobie Pond, overrides the graphic, thereby making the entire River a "Designated" river. By copy of these minutes the PRLAC recommends Tracie confirm that opinion with NHDES legal counsel.

Dick also contacted Tracie to clarify the proper means of posting PRLAC meeting agendas. As a result, besides the two on-line postings by SNHPC and the NH Rivers Council, hard copies will be posted at the Deering and Goffstown town halls by those towns' PRLAC representatives.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary Samuels announced that the annual pot luck dinner of the Deering Association will be held August 12 at the Deering Town Hall and will feature Professor Barry Wicklow speaking about fresh water mussels, an endangered species in the watershed.

Andy Cadorette raised the following items:

- An environmental studies college student has requested receiving our minutes as part of his area of interest. Andy will provide Dick with the student's email address.
- Andy has spoken with the Goffstown Boy Scout leader about possible future river-related projects utilizing the scouts.
- Andy will send Dick a list of Goffstown meetings that may be of interest to the PRLAC

John Magee raised two items:

- Potential donation from the PRLAC to the NH Fish & Game's non-game program as was done following last year's Goffstown OHD.
- John attended the most recent meeting of the committee working to make the Warner River a designated river. The meeting went well.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

All member terms have been updated as of this month's reappointment of Alan Garfield.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2017, 6:30 pm at the Emma Sawyer Room, Weare Public Library.

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Adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Ludders, Clerk