

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #312

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Emma Sawyer Room, Weare Public Library

Any questions regarding this meeting contact:

Jane Beaulieu, Chair

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- Approval of minutes:
 - March 19, 2024, Meeting #311
- Correspondence
- Permit Application Review
- Old Business
 - Bass Island Update
 - Goffstown Dam Updates
 - Hadley Falls Dam Update
 - Greg Falls
 - Kelley Falls
 - Piscataquog River Management Plan Update
 - Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge
- New Business
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date, Meeting #313 – Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)

Meeting #311

March 19, 2024

MINUTES

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester; John Magee, Vice Chair, Member at large; Andrew Cadorette, Clerk, Goffstown; Gary Samuels, Deering; Keith Erf, Weare; Donna Mombourquette, New Boston.

Absent: None.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director, Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.
svonaulock@snhpc.org.

02/20/24 MEETING MINUTES:

Andrew made a motion to approve the February 20, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by John.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES File Number: 231013-208; Project Name: A164 Structure Replacement Project - Eversource; Subject Property: Hillsborough, Deering and Weare, Tax Map #, Lot #, Various. Kris.vannaerssen@acem.com; travis.yandow@eversource.com; lrn@des.nh.gov; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov; Kathleen.P.Wadiak@wildlife.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee seeks clarification as to whether Eversource's easements across a parcel extinguishes existing conservation easements. The Committee discussed instances of possible conservation easements and how Eversource intends to comply with the easement. In the cases where the Eversource right-of-way passes through conservation land the Committee strongly recommends Eversource review and comply with all existing conservation easements and restrictions.
- The application highlighted the potential for rare, threatened, and endangered species within the area of impact, therefore the timing of the project is critical to avoid negative impact on these species. The Committee supports any and all recommendations from New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG), including any additional measures yet to be determined.

- The application notes the awareness of nesting birds on existing poles. The Committee supports Fish and Game recommendations to avoid negative impacts to these birds.
 - The applicant must seek to ensure that any project debris is removed from the site, and the land reforested, and habitat resorted in the areas disturbed to status quo ante.
 - Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
 - Reclamation seeding and plantings should use only native species and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- Wetlands: Permit-By-Notification. NHDES File Number 2024-00511. Subject Property: 347 Second Street, Manchester, Tax Map #TPK3, Lot#62. Dredge and fill in the banks of Piscataquog River to repave the boat ramp of the Bass Island Park. EMMANUEL.UWIZEYE@DES.NH.GOV; KWaldo@manchesternh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- Jane provided the Committee with an overview of the Permit-by-Notification received regarding improvements to the boat ramp at Bass Island, Manchester. The Committee has an interest in being involved with improvements at the park. The Committee discussed inviting Kate Waldo, Parks Project Manager, City of Manchester, to an upcoming meeting to provide an update on the City's plans for improvements at Bass Island Park.
 - Andrew will reach out to Kate and invite her to an upcoming meeting. KWaldo@manchesternh.gov.
- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2024-00521. Subject Property: N/S New Boston Road, Goffstown, Tax Map #33, Lot #17-1. Construct a single-family dwelling with attached garage. deck, driveway and septic system. brandy.l.holmes@des.nh.gov; joewichert@jmwlls.com; dionconstruction@usa.com; Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
- Reclamation seeding and plantings should use only native species and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.
- Within the area of native vegetation, vegetation shall be allowed to grow without cutting, limbing, trimming, pruning, mowing, or similar activities and only allow those as needed for renewal or to maintain/improve plant health.
- The application highlighted the potential for rare, threatened, and endangered species within the area of impact, therefore the timing of the project is critical to avoid negative impact on these species. The Committee supports the recommendations of New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) included in the permit and any additional measures yet to be determined.

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-03109. Subject Property: 37 Cove Street, Goffstown, Tax Map #21, Lot #62A. Construct a deck on the back of the house facing the water. vbrigagliano@tfmoran.com; Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov; Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee appreciates the removal of the cabana to allow the pre- and post-construction impervious areas to remain the same, within the 250-foot reference line.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.
- Within the area of native vegetation, vegetation shall be allowed to grow without cutting, limbing, trimming, pruning, mowing, or similar activities and only allow those as needed for renewal or to maintain/improve plant health.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP).
The Committee welcomed Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC). The Committee will seek to update the PRMP. The PRMP was last updated in 2010. The Committee plans to apply for 604B funding. A letter of intent must be submitted to DES by August/September 2024 for the 604B grant application. SNHPC will not be available to assist the PRLAC until August. In the meantime, the Committee agreed to review the PRMP to provide recommendations for content to be updated.

Next Steps:

- The Committee will review Section 1. Introduction; and 2. Water Quality of the PRMP; and be prepared to provide recommendations at the April 16th meeting.
- John will continue to work with the SNHPC to draft a letter of intent for 604B funding. The goal is to have a draft letter for Committee review by the May meeting.

For reference see:

- Piscataquog River Management Plan:
<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/wp-content/uploads/2010-Piscataquog-River-Mnmt-Plan-Update.pdf>
- Other LAC management plans: <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/rivers-management-and-protection>.
- Bass Island Park. There will be no Bass Island Park clean up in April as the City will be working on improvements to the boat ramp within the park.
- The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park will host a river clean up on Saturday, April 27th. For more information contact: friendsofprp@gmail.com
- Piscataquog River Dams. No updates
- Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail). No updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MEMBERSHIP:

- John will confirm his membership status is approved.
- Andrew's term expires May 2024. He will seek reappointment with the Town of Goffstown.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on the **third Tuesday, April 16, 2024**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:45 pm John made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk