

**Draft Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
Feb 22, 2022 Meeting; in person - Pease Public Library Plymouth, NH**

Attendees:

New Hampton: Barry Draper
Holderness: Carl Lehner
Bristol: Max Stamp
Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner, Neil McIver
Thornton: Myrtle Lewis
Bridgewater: Judy Faran
Campton: Suellen Skinner, Sherrill Howard
Ashland: Tyson Morrill
LRPC: Paige Wilson

6:30 pm start meeting, quorum established

1. Minutes appr'd (Sherrill, moved, Suellen 2nd) Jan 25, 2022 meeting, with minor edits (Final version attached)
2. Update to bylaws – multi-step process. Amend next meeting, vote at following meeting. Amended bylaws then go to the NH River Management Committee (RMAC). Issue of quorum and remote attendance. LRPC rules are that we attend in person and quorum is established according to in person attendance even though the State ruled this requirement as inexpedient to legislate. Possible items to change in the bylaws: Article VI meeting date? Preference is to keep on last Tues of month. Article III towns in Committee? Possible additions are Lincoln, Woodstock, Meredith. Management plans should match our bylaws. Not sure how to add towns to LAC.
3. FEMA Flood Maps in the Pemigewasset River watershed public input is now invited; meetings in mid-Feb. New Hampton is poorly mapped.
4. Corridor Management Plan update – Paige submitted 604B proposal to update the plan. Tracie Sales suggested revisions to plan and to the budget. Paige submitted the revised version (no longer competing for 604B funds but for funds directly controlled by Tracie Sales). Changes: start date in April, 2022 and end date Dec 31, 2023; inclusion of \$1500 for North Country Council (NCC) in the budget (email confirming this commitment by Exec. Dir. of NCC, Michelle Moran); specifically outlines actions addressing RSA 483:10.
5. Aquatic Resource Mitigation fund grant application – possible targets related to planned stormwater pond near skatepark. Some discussion of Owl's Nest groundwater pumping concerns and sale of Lakes Region Golf Course in Ashland to Owl's Nest (excludes oxbow area). Purpose of the ARM – includes culvert replacements. Culvert criteria for fish passage, flood capacity (interactive maps – [NHADES.MAPS.ARCGIS.COM](https://www.nhades.com)). Preproposal due 5/31/22. Full proposal due end of Aug 2022. We are in Winnepesaukee Zone, \$151,000 available. Easy to apply online.
6. Membership: Requests sought for Bristol, Bridgewater to fill vacant positions. If Lincoln joins, then those would be new positions.
7. Discussion on EPA's acceptance of applications from all New England non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for the 2022 EPA Region 1 Stormwater Toolbox Equipment Loan Program. Field ready test kits aimed at identifying illicit discharges.

8. Permit Applications: nothing new

- a. Department of Transportation Bureau of Rail & Transit is replacing a failing culvert on state-owned railroad corridor in Thornton, NH at Mile Post P11.46. Site visit performed 2-8-2022 with Myrtle, Judy and the Thornton Conservation Commission. They met with Steven Piper of DOT and provided comments to DES on 2-9-2022.
- b. NHDES Wetlands Permit 2022-00163: Dredge and Fill application (rec'd 1/21/22) DOT Bridge maintenance along NH Route 3 in the town of Campton – over Bog Brook. Site visit by Sherrill, Neil and Bill on 2-9, with follow-up comments made to DES reviewer, Karl Benedict.

9. Legislative Tracking Sheet and bills of concern. No discussion.

10. Other items:

Max proposed language for right-of-way river crossing protocols to cover erosion and river protection measures. Recommend region between poles on either side of river be left uncut and unmanaged. Bill suggests contacting Eversource wetland expert, Tracey Tarr and/or Jared Meyer (Jared.Meyer@eversource.com). Tyson said his bank stabilization program could help – he knows Jared Meyer.

Lisa reported on status of oxbow project in Holderness/Plymouth and delays that might stop Land & Water support. Possible alternative funding: RCPP funds state level conservation plus a project, Nature Conservancy, SPNHF, ARM (Cheryl Bondi contact).

Suellen moved to adjourn,: Sherrill seconded. No discussion, all in favor. 8:26 pm