

Plymouth Public Library, 1 Russell St., Highland St., Plymouth, NH 03264

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard

Holderness: Will Abbott

Lincoln: Timmie Maine Miller

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw, Russ Brummer

Plymouth: Bill Bolton

Thornton:

Woodstock: Jim Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC:

Guest: David Chunn - Franklin

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the March 2025 meeting were reviewed. One date change regarding the upcoming meetings. No other change. Kathleen made a motion to approve as amended; Lewis seconded. Minutes approved.
3. Jim asked about when PRLAC was able to comment and when comments were not allowed. PRLAC is not required to comment on **Permit by Notifications**, however, PRLAC can submit comments to get on the record.
4. There was continued discussion of the **dock plans regarding Mr. Fawcett of New Hampton**. This is due to the fact that the application is a Permit by Notification PRLAC did submit comments (although not required) and it is believed that those comments will help the Town of New Hampton make a decision.
5. **April is PRLAC election time.** Sherrill was nominated for Chairperson by Kathleen and seconded by Will. Myrtle was nominated for Vice-Chairperson by Kathleen and Russ seconded. Judy was nominated as Secretary by Will and seconded by Bill. A vote was taken and all approved as per the nominations.
6. April 12 the **NHDES had a workshop** in Concord for all LACs. Sherrill has been forwarding documents from that meeting to all members FYI.

7. Lisa proposed that we create a **GIS Story Map** of the Pemigewasset River. She has a possible intern available at Plymouth State University. This person would not be available until fall. The committee agreed that this was a good idea. Lisa will make the necessary contacts to get things started.
8. Sherrill asked if everyone on the committee was happy to continue getting the **legislative tracking documents** that come from NHDES. All agreed that it was useful.
9. **Patriot Hydro** has a Standard Dredge and Fill permit for the bridge repair regarding the bridge from Bridgewater to Ashland. Work has begun on the first phase of the repairs.
10. Sherrill announced that there is a **Drinking Water Source Protection Conference** on June 12, 2025 in Pembroke. Times will be 9AM to 3:15 PM. You can register at the American Groundwater Trust website.
11. **White Mountain country club** in Ashland received an amendment from NHDES to their Alteration of Terrain Permit. The amendment plans to eliminate the proposed parking lot and replace the surface infiltration water system with an inground infiltration system. It was notice by Kathleen that all the natural surface cart paths have now been paved.
12. Sherrill sent **membership letters** to all towns who do not currently have any representation on PRLAC. This included towns with only one member. There is a possible member from Holderness.
13. The **Red Sleigh Condominiums** in Campton have funds to replace their well system. PRLAC is not required to comment, but comments could greatly help their permit applications. Sherrill will do a site visit.
14. **Local town observations:** Campton will start treating the infestation of Japanese Knotweed. They have signed a contract with a professional to treat. They have NHDES approval.
15. Sherrill received an email from a **Tori from Woodstock**. Tori has a stretch of riverfront upstream from her property that has a large amount of debris. Some of the debris is quite large including vehicles, campers, a child's playhouse. Tori contacted NHDES to find out what the policy is for river clean-up. Sherrill responded to Tori that the complexity of what she described is not within PRLAC's capabilities. Further discussion would be

recommended with the Town of Woodstock. Jim asked that he get a copy of that email so he could look into the matter.

16. Judy announced a meeting by LRPC for the possibility of a **boat shrink wrap recycling program**. The meeting is not open to the public, but LRPC members are encouraged to attend. The meeting is June 12th. Also, the **New Hampshire Rivers Council Annual Meeting** is June 17th with the theme of NH Dams.
17. Conversation and coffee meeting will be held May 29th at 10:00 AM at the Holderness Library. This meeting, sponsored by the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, will be discussing the **Oxbow project in Plymouth and Holderness**.
18. Will announced that this Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd, is the **NH Farm, Forest and Garden Expo in Deerfield, NH**. He handed out brochures. He is involved with the American Chestnut Foundation who will have an exhibit.
19. Bill put together a schedule for this years VRAP water testing program. He has the equipment as well. He passed out the schedule to all.
20. Timmie Maine Miller asked about the concern of what is the process of **reporting possible environmental problems to NHDES**. It was explained that NHDES has a complaint form for private citizens can complete to notify NHDES about a problem. However, this past meeting in Concord, LACs were encouraged to contact NHDES if they were aware of problems. PRLAC members can bring an issue to PRLAC's attention and the PRLAC can send a letter to NHDES.
21. Lisa motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Lewis seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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