

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

Members Present:

Ashland:

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard

Holderness:

Lincoln: Timmie Maine Miller

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner, Neil McIver

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock: Jim Chesebrough. Brenna Woodman

At Large:

LRPC:

Guest:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the April 2025 meeting were reviewed. No changes. Jim made a motion to approve; Lewis seconded. Minutes approved.
3. **Ashland Bridge Repair update.** NHDES had requested additional information from NHDOT regarding the repair process. Sherrill shared the DOT's response. These included revised drawings and updated clarification of the process.
4. Judy had picked up some flyers regarding **pesticide use around water**. These were both from the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, Division of Pesticide Control. One is called Public Water Supply Watersheds Special Permits. The other is: Pesticide Setback Distances from Wells and Surface Waters. Scans of these were sent via email to all PRLAC members. The contents were reviewed and can be used as references when pesticide issues come in front of the committee.
5. Jim addressed the issue of **trash accumulation in Woodstock**. PRLAC had received an email from Tori, a resident in Woodstock asking what to do about a large amount of trash and debris adjacent to her property in Woodstock. From photos, Jim found no evidence of trailers and campers as originally reported. Jim talked to the complainant and learned that mostly she picked up broken glass. He spoke to the Woodstock Conservation Commission who said that is up to the land owner to clean. If you clean it by hand that is fine, but if

you bring in a machine you will need a permit. Jim reported to the complainant that there was nothing in place to help in this situation. He told her to talk to her neighbors. She was uncomfortable about doing this as she was a seasonal resident. Tracey from NHDES who said if you find out who owned the debris then you could go after the owner to pay for the cleanup. Unless it is a hazard to navigation or the flow of the river there is nothing NHDES can help with. Tori was going to take additional pictures and continue to pursue this issue.

6. Bill said that the **NH Electric Cooperative** had their annual meeting and Bill got a text from Peter Lovage who was asking Bill to join him and Nancy Isikoff regarding spraying at Little Squam. Bill responded that it was NHEC's policy to spray. He does not know what transpired in the meeting.
7. The **Red Sleigh Condominiums** in Campton have funds to replace their well system. Sherill had sent a response regarding their permit applications. The applications were approved.
8. The **LRPC Annual Meeting** is coming up in June. Bill said he was possible going to go. No others had signed up. There was some concern about the \$70.00 cost. There was an issue of whether PRLAC wants to put up a display. No one felt compelled to do this as last year there was not a lot of interest in our display at that time. Sherrill with contact Dave Jeffers to see if he can just put some brochures on the display table.
9. Timmie Maine brought up a concern regarding a development in Lincoln. Tracey at NHDES said until permitting is requested there is nothing NHDES can do. This is a project regarding 12 acres in Lincoln called **The Rapids**. Some of the area is considered wetlands. Hurricane Irene wiped out a retaining levee. The was rebuilt to 1960's standards. The developer sued the Town of Lincoln saying they had been wronged. To settle the lawsuit the Town of Lincoln agreed to consider a 78-townhouse vested project, which means it is approved for town water and sewer which has the capacity to take this on. This approval does not have an expiration date. There is a new developer now. He came to the planning board saying he wanted to add a hotel, a clubhouse, a visitor center, sport courts, a parking lot and an ice skating rink.

The wetlands issue on the property triggered a FEMA response as designation a portion of the 12 acres as a flood zone. This area has a significant amount of water on it. There were no written plans to withdraw any water directly from the river. Jim said this land use to be used as a landfill. He suggested that Timmie ask the selectboard about it.

There is no current application to NHDES yet, so this is just a project to keep an eye on. Sherrill asked Timmie to let her know about future Planning Board meetings about this as PRLAC would be happy to go and express their concern and comments.

10. The **NH Rivers Council Annual meeting** is June 17th in Concord. The presentation this year is Everything you always wanted to know about NH's dams but were afraid to ask. A number of members expressed interest in going.
11. A **River Flow Study** presentation will be added to the June agenda.
12. **Record Keeping**. Sherrill, as chairperson, has a large amount of PRLAC documents and wonders what we should keep. No one knows if there are any rules about this. Sherrill will contact Tracey to see if there is any guidance. She will keep all paperwork regarding ongoing issues and perhaps the larger documents that would be hard to get again.
13. The current distribution process for **PRLAC documents** includes two email lists. Some of the people on the larger list have passed away. When Sherrill sends out the next mailing, she will ask that people who wished to be removed from the email chain contact her. The hope is to clean up this list.
14. Neil asked Bill about **NHDES funding**. The legislature has pretty much zeroed them out, so NHDES will pretty much be self-funding via fees. That there is very little money allocated to NHDES.
15. Bill motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Lisa seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

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