

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

**Members Present:**

**Ashland:** Kathleen De Wolfe

**Bridgewater:** Judy Faran

**Bristol:**

**Campton:** Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas

**Holderness:** Will Abbott (ZOOM)

**Lincoln:** O. J. Robinson, Timmie Maine Miller

**New Hampton:** Lewis Mundy Shaw, Barry Draper

**Plymouth:** Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner

**Thornton:** Myrtle Lewis

**Woodstock:** Jim Chesebrough

**At Large:**

**LRPC:** Dave Jeffers, Matthew Rose

**Guest:** Jessen Delaney and Ina Ahern – Plymouth State University

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the September 2025 meeting were reviewed. One correction was made in item #4, with the clarification of what is the designated use of the solar energy generated. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. Janet 1<sup>st</sup>, OJ seconded. The minutes as amended were approved by all.
3. Our guest speaker tonight was Jessen Delaney. Jessen is a student at Plymouth State University and is helping develop a **GIS on-line story map of the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan** for PRLAC. Jessen brought an example of the work he has done so far on this project, including text, photos, and links to additional information. Jessen requests more information on the photos PRLAC provided, including location of scene and who took the picture. Sherrill talked to NHDES Joe Schmidl regarding Jessen and this project. In this conversation Joe stated that the current drought is helping his study as it has given him more access to areas that he usually has.
4. Lisa brought up a topic for the Committee to know about. This is in regards to **a culvert issue in Plymouth in the Baker River watershed.** (the Baker river flows into the Pemigewasset River). There is a culvert that runs under a resident's lawn connecting a stream to the lake. There was pooling at the upstream end of the culvert. The culvert is collapsing creating a delta of sediment in the lake. There is a redesign in progress to replace the culvert with a stone-walled culvert with a natural bottom. Plymouth

Conservation Commission reviewed the project. They liked the project and it is now going through the permitting process.

5. Bill and Barry attended a **Town of Bristol Budget Hearing**. They were asked to provide further information regarding the purpose of the annual dues requested by PRLAC. They were well received and it appeared to go smoothly.
6. Sherrill announced a Walk-and-Talk November 1<sup>st</sup>. NHDES will be hosting an on-site lecture at the **Stirrup Iron Brook in Boscawen** from 9 – 12. The talk will focus on the geomorphology of the area. Pre-registration is required.
7. Sherrill received a notice that the **Shoreland Permit by Notification** for the project located at 140 Riverwood Dr in New Hampton for a M. Persson has been approved. He is planning to build a 24' x 24' detached garage.
8. Sherrill received an approved amendment for the work being done on the **Union Bridge** that connects Ashland and Bridgewater. The company is needing to add additional staging so they can gain access to the bridge in areas where access is difficult.
9. OJ talked about a **large development being constructed in Lincoln** uphill from the East Branch of the Pemigewasset River. They are looking at about 1,018 units. There also is a 6 single-family housing unit on a dead-end circle. This is on a very steep slope. The Town of Lincoln has a Storm Water Management Act that state that if you disturb 55% or more of the property you must design a pre-construction plan that will mitigate all the flow coming off that property so that the flow is not above normal. The engineers are working out a plan to replace the disturbed area, which is primarily where the equipment is working. The goal is hopefully to create retention areas to will address this issue. They are including the construction of the access road drainage systems with this Management Act in mind.
10. Dave Jeffers from the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) re-introduced Matt Rose to the group. Matt will be taking on more of the responsibility of being the LRPC Liasson to PRLAC. Matt reviewed the **LRPC Closed Culvert and Drainage Systems program**. LRPC can inventory a town and create a data base of the culverts located on municipal roads in the town. In cooperation with the town, the data base can be maintained and updated. Due to changes in funding, this program is now at 100% cost for the town. This program is however much cheaper for the town than using a private contractor.

Matt said that he was contacted by John Fisher from the Town of Hebron regarding a culvert of Braley Rd. This dual-culvert has flooding events and clogs. LRPC will be helping them with this project starting with a site review in November.

11. Dave received a call from Bob Varney from Normandeau Associates. As a consultant, he has been reviewing the areas of power pole replacements by Eversource. He has been relaying his findings to LRPC.
12. Sherrill entertained a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Lisa 1<sup>st</sup>, Lewis seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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