

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:

Lincoln:

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Lisa Doner

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock: Jim Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC: Matthew Rose (Zoom)

Guest: Anddy– Plymouth State University student

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the October 2025 meeting were reviewed. No changes were made. Kathleen 1st, Janet seconded. The minutes were approved by all.
3. Sherrill said we would forego a presentation tonight on the progress of the **GIS on-line story map of the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan** for PRLAC. Jessen is working hard on the project and will make a final presentation at the PRLAC January meeting.
4. Sherrill asked everyone if they all received the new **DES Permit Types and Local River Management Advisory Committee (LAC) Comment Deadlines** which were updated October 2025. Everyone was aware of them and there were no questions.
5. Kathleen brought some maps and plan information on the proposed **Vineyard Casino, Hotel and theater at the Owl's Nest Resort in Ashland**. This project is in the very early stages with construction slated for 2027. No application has yet been submitted to PRLAC from NHDES. There are concerns about the proximity to nearby wetlands and conservation lands. There is concern about where he is going to put any structures or parking lots as there is very little land to work with. There is also some concern about traffic.
6. Sherrill asked if everyone received the **NHDES RMPP Fall Newsletter**. She reminded the group how to access this letter.

7. PRLAC received a large collection of documents regarding an Alteration of Terrain Permit application for the **Owl's Nest Riverside Development in Thornton**. This is a plan for 17 duplex housing units. PRLAC has until December 12th to voice concerns. After some discussion the following concerns (among others) will be conveyed to NHDES: Storm water runoff, salt from the roads, and the permeability of the sandy fields.
8. Sherrill wanted to know if everyone reviewed the article that was published in the **New Hampshire Home magazine regarding Lincoln, NH**. The article discussed the growing development of the resorts in Lincoln and the possibility of gondolas being installed to take passengers over the Pemigewasset River. It is unknown yet what impact this could pose to the river. There is also concern that if this is approved that this could set a precedent for more gondolas in other communities. PRLAC will keep an eye out for further developments on this issue.
9. Sherrill received another notification regarding the **infrastructure project in Franklin**. Sherrill responded with similar comments that were expressed before, stating that while PRLAC is aware of the issues, the Upper Merrimack LAC is the one to give input on this project.
10. Dave Jeffers from the **Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC)** has announced his retirement. Matt Rose will be taking over his role as LRPC liaison. Sherrill and Dave had an Agreement of Responsibilities which outlined what Dave was responsible for and what PRLAC was responsible for. Matt said he has not seen this. Sherrill will send a copy to Matt for his review.

Matt wondered about the status of the **PRLAC Annual Report**. Matt said that LRPC does has a small budget to help with this if needed. Sherrill is currently working on it and plans to have it published in December 2025.

Matt also wondered about the status of the Action Items listed in the **Corridor Management Plan**. Judy asked if LRPC had a copy of those Action Items and whether we could get a list of those items sorted by due dates. Then PRLAC could review those projects and see what are the priorities. Matt will investigate that.
11. Sherrill will meet with Jessen Tuesday 11/25 to review photographs related to the **GIS on-line story map of the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan**. She will provide titles and details of those photos for inclusion in the project.
12. Myrtle mentioned that **Eversource** will be going through the old landfill in Thornton to update the power lines. They will need to install deep pilings for support for their power

lines. These pilings will penetrate all the way through the landfill and break any protective barriers previously installed. NHDES is aware of this project. This is FYI.

13. Sherrill entertained a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Kathleen 1st, Jim seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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