

Location: Pease Public Library 1 Russell St., Plymouth, NH 03264

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas

Holderness: Will Abbott

Lincoln: O.J. Robinson, Timmie Maine Miller

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner, Neil McIver

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock: Jim Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC (Lakes Region Planning Commission):

Guest:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:31PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the February 2026 meeting were reviewed. No changes were made. Janet 1st, Lewis seconded. The minutes were approved by all.
3. Recently the **Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC)** set about updating its website including its PRLAC page including information and formatting. They sent out a list of questions and concerns for our review. Judy sent the missing minutes they were looking for. Sherrill is currently updating the membership pages.
4. The **Town of Bristol** had applied for routine road maintenance (replacing a culvert). Sherrill went ahead and approved the application and sent it on.
5. The Review of the **Management Plan Action Items** was tabled for this meeting.
6. There is a **New Hampshire River Restoration Task Force meeting** on April 21, 2026 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. If anyone is interested, they must register by April 6th. Sherill sent a link for this meeting.
7. There is a proposed sale of 0.09 acres of **NHDOT land in Bristol** that is part of the Rte. 104 right-of-way. The parcel is located on the outside edge of the Pemi River corridor and across Rte.104 from the river. PRLAC was invited to comment. Sherrill to send a note saying that PRLAC has no objection to the sale.

8. Sherrill distributed the 2025 data summary for the **Volunteer River Assessment Program** (VRAP) data. This is the data that PRLAC member compiled during the summer. The main concern was the low Ph levels (mostly 5's and 6's).
9. There was a request For More Information from NHDES regarding the Plymouth Alteration of Terrain Application for the **Plymouth Readiness Center Improvements**. They had asked for a waiver regarding the water drainage. The waiver was denied. NHDES was not happy with the application and sent back a long list of requirements before they would process the application.
10. Sherrill had sent out a **Flooding and Natural Hazards Survey**. Most members had filled it out.
11. Woodstock has applied for a grant for the **Drinking Water Revolving Fund**. NHDES had asked for PRLAC's input regarding this application. Sherrill will send back a response that as long as they follow best management practices, we have no problems with the projects included in the grant.
12. Lisa has arranged that the next few **PRLAC meetings** can be held in Boyd Hall at Plymouth State University. Lisa reviewed the location and parking with the members.
13. The **Ropewalk condominiums in Ashland** have water issues due to increased usage. The Homeowner's Association has applied for a grant to replace the water system. This is just FYI.
14. O.J. discussed the **Lincoln Planning Board meeting** regarding the proposed gondola near the Riverwalk development. O.J. said there was a lot of discussion and the meeting will continue the first week in April. The company behind the project announced in a Boston Magazine that this project would be operational next year, even though they don't have any permits or approval of the town.

One major concern was the proposed tower in the river and if the footing for the tower was going to be on existing ledge or if some sort of base was to be built. If a base was to be built was this considered a dam and thus prohibited. Also, the sag of the cables across the river sag to close to flood stage and could be compromised during spring floods.

Will brought up the legal doctrine call The Public Trust. This doctrine states that when the state owns the rivers, lands, and wildlife, the State has an obligation to steward those resources. PRLAC needs to ask the State of NH "What are you doing to protect the river given this project?" PRLAC feels strongly that we should comment to NHDES this concern.

15. Sherrill entertained a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Will 1st, Lewis seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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