

DRAFT Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
April 25, 2023 Meeting
Pease Public Library Plymouth, NH

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol: Max Stamp

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas, Susan Skinner

Holderness:

Lincoln:

New Hampton: Barry Draper, Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner

Thornton:

Woodstock: James Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC: Dave Jeffers

Guests:

1. Quorum established and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of our minutes from our March 28, 2023 meeting: Several amendments were noted and Lisa moved that we accept the minutes as amended and Suellen seconded. All were in favor.
3. Elections of officers: The Chair position was the first office that was considered by the membership. Suellen nominated Sherrill Howard and Kathleen seconded. Judy offered to be Vice Chair and Suellen motioned and Kathleen seconded. All members voted in favor of both nominees. After no one responded to become the next Secretary, Suellen made a motion to table this vote until our next meeting and Max seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.
4. Permit Applications
 - A. Pemigewasset Shores Dr 2023-00796 former Representative, Brian Gallagher. Due 5/5/23. Rep. Gallagher's developer allowed the cutting of riparian vegetation, including large trees, which was against DES rules. The contractor was told to plant vegetation, but this is an inadequate solution.
 - B. RMI Building Applications New Hampton. RMI is seeking expansion of their sludge facility containment facility. Concern was expressed regarding the contaminants in the leachate that might reach the stream next to the facility and ultimately enter the Pemi. Leachate is a known source of PFAS and other contaminant that need to be contained before entering the Pemi!
 - C. Holderness Well Project: Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District are crossing the Pemi near the Route 93 highway bridge just north of the town proper. A general concern of instream flow and river bed erosion was expressed.

- D. Owls Nest. Horizons refers to it as Pope Rd. Project #17245, Thornton Tax Map 16, Lots 1-5. Brian Lash and Wayne Ives (DES) will be looking at performing an instream flow study of the Pemi, which will provide tools to minimize the effects of excessive water removals that are likely to occur with the explosion of private use of the Pemi by projects such as Owls Nest.
5. Water testing Schedule: Max announced that VRAP water testing will begin May 9th with only the North Pemi group. The South Pemi group will be plugged in when they are provided additional testing equipment from DES. Kristen Durocher from Thornton has expressed an interest in testing, and we hope to add additional testing sites further north on the Pemi to accommodate our members from Lincoln/Woodstock.
 6. Cell Tower project located on Upper Mad River Road in Thornton: not addressed
 7. Management Plan: Dave Jeffers indicated that the Resources section was being worked on and will focus on metrics like PFAS, E coli, salt and management overlay maps
 8. Lisa moved to adjourn, Kathleen seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:30.

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