

**DRAFT Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
January 30, 2024 Meeting**

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

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater:

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas

Holderness:

Lincoln:

New Hampton: Barry Draper, Russ Brummer, Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Donor (Zoom)

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock: James Chesebrough

At Large: Tyson Morrill

LRPC:

Guest:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order by Sherrill at 6:30PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** 11/30/23 Minutes- Kathleen DeWolfe name is missing E at end. Dave Jeffers was in person at the meeting. 1/2/24 Minutes – Dave Jeffers was in person at the meeting. Janet moved to accept, Kathleen second. Both sets of minutes were approved as amended.
3. **White Mountain Country Club** has received a notification of specific conditions regarding their Alteration of Terrain application (2438-A). This is just FYI, but DES seems to be focusing in on this project.

The golf cart barn was determined to be in the flood plain and there was concern about the electricity related to the water. They have additional applications with the Town of Ashland regarding the pump house and restaurant. They are also seeking relief from setbacks.
4. Report from Judy on **NH Rivers Management meeting of January 5**. This will be deferred until Judy gets back.
5. Kathleen regard to the **Waste to Energy plant proposed in Ashland**. Nothing new has been provided. Little concern from the conservation side of the issue. Kathleen brought up the question of the site of the project being in the Pemi River corridor. Also that this

will trigger a Project of Regional Impact. The representative from the project nodded yes. The chair of the Board of Selectmen made the remark that “we did not come here to be lectured” and said “no more questions”.

Kathleen and Tyson attended a meeting with the Squam Lakes Association and the Conservation Law Foundation. During the meeting they considered the impact of the project. They did not want Squam money influencing the project. They did not want to create a bias during the decision process. The Conservation Law Foundation will consider taking this on, but they would need someone to be the plaintiff.

6. **River Management Update and legislation tracking.** The latest list will be sent out soon.
7. **Annual Town Report Review.** The Town Report from PRLAC was sent out to the towns by LRPC.
8. **Review Judy’s River Management Outreach.** This will be deferred to when Judy is back.
9. **Community Engagement Opportunities- Climate Action Plan.** Sherrill forwards to the PRLAC member about this. If you wish to participate, you can contact Tracie Sales.
10. **DES Notification regarding 101 Bristol Rd.** Sherrill received a copy of the dredge and fill permit for 101 Old Bristol Rd. The address has been confused on various communications. The question is, is this a new beach or is it an existing beach that they are trying to repair. Barry indicated that this would be a new beach. It is in the Pemi Overlay and thus they should not be putting in a beach. Comments need to be submitted to DES by February 16th. Barry will attend a meeting in New Hampton about the project. He will submit his comments to Sherrill and she will draft a response.
11. **VRAP Discussion-** addition of 3rd testing to include northern sections of the Pemi. Per James, the head of the Woodstock Conservation Commission lives on the river and has been asking about the VRAP program. They are interested in program.

PRLAC needs a new person to head up the VRAP program. This will need to be determined. Sherrill will contact Ted Walsh about the process of adding a new northern test area. Also, how to get a third set of testing equipment.

12. **Privilege of the Floor**

- Bill Bolton talked about renaming of the Baker River. There was a bill to have the river be renamed to Asquamchumauke, but that has been denied due to concerns about renaming too many places, including Mt. Washington.
- Bill contacted Will Abbott from Holderness as a possible member. Sherrill will send him membership form. Also, possibly Andy Curren from Holderness may be interested.

–Lisa has possibly someone from Thornton, Mike Ritelle.

–4 acres in Thornton, looking to put geodomes. FYI.

13. Sherrill motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Myrtle seconded. All approved.
Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

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