

**DRAFT Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
September 24, 2024 Meeting**

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

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas, Brenna Woodman

Holderness: Will Abbott (Zoom)

Lincoln: O.J. Robinson

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton (Zoom), Neil McIver

Thornton: Myrtle Lewis

Woodstock: James Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC: Dave Jeffers (Zoom)

Guest:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the September 2024 meeting were reviewed. No revisions were made. James made a motion to approve, Kathleen seconded. Minutes approved.
3. At the latest meeting of the Thornton Planning Board a continued hearing was held regarding the **Pemi River Campground proposed expansion**. The project application was tabled until the next meeting in October as further actions is required by the applicant.
4. The Town of New Hampton had submitted a letter to PRLAC regarding the recent request from LRPC for the **annual funding** amount of \$350.00. They were concerned with not having an actual invoice. They were also concerned as to whether this needed to be subject to a vote a referendum item at the next town meeting. It was determined that the item did not need to be a referendum item. Dave Jeffers said that these letters were not meant as an invoice, but rather to alert the towns that invoices will be sent out in the spring and they should plan for the expenditure. True invoices will be sent out at that time. Sherrill is drafting a new letter to the towns. It was suggested that the words "invoice to follow separately" be added to the letter to ensure that the towns know that the letter is not an invoice.

5. **PRLAC financial review.** PRLAC received a summary of prior fiscal years income and expenditures for both basic operations and the update of the Management Plan. As not everyone was able to see those documents, this topic was tabled until the next meeting.
6. An update regarding **Patriot Hydro** request for a Wetlands permit for maintenance dredging at the Ayres Island Dam in Bristol. This is for a project to dredge the river bed to protect the intake valves. PRLAC is not asked to respond to NHDES about this project.
7. Sherrill received the final determination letter regarding the **Eversource line rebuild** for Holderness. Primarily for the Power Line Maintenance. Sherrill will send out the same type of reply that PRLAC has sent for other Eversource projects.
8. The cart barn project at **Owl's Nest (ONA) in Ashland** was discussed again. They have been given permission to continue with the project, but that permission is subject to a lot of conditions.
9. A letter was received regarding the **Owl's Nest Rising Ridge** project. This project plans to build housing lots up on the ridge with no plans for a water supply at this time. This project also has been approved but subject to many conditions.
10. Will Abbott announced that he may have one or two **potential members to join PRLAC from Holderness.** He hopes to have full enrollment for Holderness. He will get applications from Sherrill. He will also contact Carl to see if he is planning to re-up his membership which is expiring soon.
11. The **New Hampton Fish Hatchery** is slated to undergo major renovations. The New Hampshire Fish and Game(NHFGD) has secured funding for the project via the American Rescue Plan Act. NHFGD has been coordinating with NHDES to obtain the required permits. PRLAC will review when we get the documents from NHDES.
12. There has been a request for PRLAC to review the **Plymouth Water and Sewer** plans to improve and repair additional areas of Plymouth. Our response is due October 22nd. Sherrill will respond with the usual request for Best Management Practices along with a request to test all soils for contaminants and make sure they are disposed of properly.
13. Judy announced that **LRPC has funding available to evaluate and restore brownfield sites.** PRLAC members from towns within LRPC jurisdiction are encouraged to contact LRPC to see if their site of concern is eligible for this program.
14. Judy will be presenting the new PRLAC management plan to the **Town of Bridgewater** in October.
15. Janet motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Kathleen seconded. All approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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