

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
May 30, 2017 at Pease Public Library
Plymouth, New Hampshire

Minutes

Members Present:

Max Stamp (Bristol); Dan Paradis (Bristol); Barry Draper (New Hampton); Carl Lehner (Holderness); Bill Bolton (Plymouth); Mike O'Donnell (Holderness); Fred Gunter (Thornton).

Also Present:

David Jeffers (Lakes Region Planning Commission)

Call to Order:

Chairman Bill Bolton called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Max Stamp made a motion seconded by Fred Gunter to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017 with two minor amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

Updates on Permit Applications:

- Pemi Pathway to Profile Falls and Bristol Falls Park: USACE is requiring an environmental study. Max will discuss various funding options with Bristol Town Administrator Nik Coates. He will also speak with local advocate Bill Dowey.
- Unchlorinated waste release: Bill Bolton described a report of untreated waste being released in the Ashland/Plymouth area.

Special Election of Vacant Officer:

Due to the resignation of Kelly van Lingen, the position of Secretary is now vacant, along with the second PRLAC representative position from New Hampton. Barry Draper and Town Administrator Barbara Lucas are working to nominate a new representative for New Hampton. As there was not an immediate volunteer for the Secretary position, Bill Bolton suggested that the responsibility rotate among members for the time being.

Document Review

- Bill Bolton distributed a retyped version of the PRLAC Bylaws (2005). Upon review representatives identified a number of adjustments that ought to be made. David Jeffers will check with NH DES on a couple of questions related to this. A final adjusted version will need to be voted on by PRLAC.
- There was discussion regarding the Upper Merrimack LAC Permit Application Review Guidance document. The proactive nature of the review was seen as positive although there was concern that this might be a duplication of NH DES review. It was noted that PRLAC's present system of reaching out to applicants and conducting site walks whenever possible gives "eyes on the ground" and local input, viewed as PRLAC's greatest contributions to the process. Max Stamp did note that he has a site walk checklist but that it could use some updating.

Water Testing Update

Sampling has begun, this year's schedule has fewer sampling dates due to some conflicts with schedules of the volunteers. A meeting is scheduled for June 27 to discuss a new Dissolved Oxygen meter with the DES technician. Bill Bolton met with several people from PSU about use of some limited

function submerged instruments, data loggers and PSU student involvement in the sampling process. There was discussion of some other areas to sample, especially for E. coli, notably near the Ashland Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Baker River. It was noted that it would be good to involve Ted Walsh (NH DES) in any conversations about areas for data collection.

Other:

Northern Pass Update: The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) is now in meetings as a jury. There will be ten days of testimony in June. Much of the focus in the PRLAC region is on Ashland, the aquifer, wellheads, and the lagoons. A few individual communities have dropped out of the petitioner process. There was support for the work being done by the Counsel for the Public.

Adjournment:

Fred Gunter made a motion seconded by Dan Paradis to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jeffers