

Location: Boyd Science Center room 229, Plymouth State University, Highland Street, Plymouth, NH
03264

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe (Zoom)

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas

Holderness: Will Abbott

Lincoln: O.J. Robinson (Zoom), Timmie Maine Miller (Zoom)

New Hampton: Lewis Mundy Shaw

Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner, Neil McIver

Thornton:

Woodstock: Jim Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC (Lakes Region Planning Commission):

Guest:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the April 2026 meeting were reviewed. Jim -1st Bill 2nd all approved, Neil abstained.
3. The Review of the **Management Plan Action Items**. Judy to send out a spreadsheet listing the items sorted to show the annual and most pressing items first, and the rest in descending order. A subcommittee was suggested, but no one has yet volunteered. We will review and identify at the next meeting what can be addressed.
4. Updates for **Lincoln Gondola Project**.

Will and Timmie drafted a letter to go to the NHDES Commissioner. Timmie asked to clarify what is PRLAC's role in protecting the river along this stretch since the Town of Lincoln is not enrolled in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP). While the river does not have the added protection that the RMPP provides, it is still a public waterway and subject to other federal and state regulations. Also, what happens in that stretch of the river obviously effects what happens downstream. Judy questioned the wording regarding the statement the PRLAC had "PRLAC has no opinion about the desirability of this project" that was expressed in the last paragraph of the letter. This was edited to reflect state "PRLAC takes no position on this project", but that we were concerned about the Public Trust Doctrine and how it applied to the river.

Discussion about who the letter should go to included not only the NHDES Commissioner, but perhaps the Attorney General, the Lincoln Planning Board, and Tracie Sales at NHDES. Sherrill will finalize the letter to DES (with agreed edits to the last paragraph), circulate to all members for review, and prepare a version for names to be added at the June meeting. All member will review the final draft of the letter and indicate if they wish their name to be included as a supporter of the letter at the June meeting.

5. Jim mentioned that someone who owned a sandbar in the middle of the river in **Woodstock** was able to post that as private property. NH law says they can do this.
6. Regarding the Plymouth Alteration of Terrain Permit AoT-3054 for the **Plymouth Readiness Center Improvements** (Permit: AoT-3054 Armory Road – Plymouth Tax Map 102, Lot 16). This project was approved with the following specific conditions:

1. The plans titled New Hampshire Army National Guard Plymouth Readiness Center Improvements, by Tighe & Bond, dated January 19, 2026, last revision date April 8, 2026, and supporting documentation in the permit file are a part of this approval. The project must be constructed as shown on the approved plans.

*2. **This permit expires on May 1, 2031.** No earth moving activities shall occur on the project after this expiration date unless the permit has been extended by the Department. If requesting an extension, the request must be received by the department before the permit expires. The Amendment Request form is available at: <https://www.des.nh.gov/land/land-development>.*

3. Pursuant to Env-Wq 1504.17, the Permittee shall comply with wildlife protection notes related to DCT25-3454 that are incorporated into the project plans.

4. Blasting activity is not approved for this project. If blasting is necessary, the permittee must contact the department prior to any blasting in order to assess if further permit modifications are necessary.

5. Pursuant to Env-Wq 1503.12(d), any future phases of development associated with this project occurring within 10 years after the permitted terrain alteration activity for this proposed project ends will require a new Alteration of Terrain permit even if the disturbance is less than 100,000 square feet.

7. The **Plymouth Fire and Police Departments** are being planned for the vacant McDonalds acreage on Rt. 3.
8. The **New Hampshire Rivers Council 2026 annual meeting** will be convened on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM, The speaker for the evening will discuss **Drought: Not a Dry Subject**. Janet and Sherrill will be going.

9. The NH DES has updated a **New Aquatic Invasive Species Report Form - NHDES-W-07-099**. Here is the link:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/852ba2d22c174a80be96c55c1e7eb452>

10. **New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP)** sent out its Spring Newsletter. It can be found at:

<https://www.lac.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt761/files/documents/2026-spring-lac-newsletter.pdf>

11. **VRAP Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP)** updates. Nothing going on except the North site changed one of its locations due to the bridge closure at Staple Rock Park.
12. **Privilege of the Floor**. Kathleen reported that the Waste-to-Energy plant proposed for Ashland is not on the table. Nor is the casino or hotel.

Lisa – Was there any flooding recently due to heavy rain. No one was aware of anything. There was a concern with the placement of the current USGS Rain Gauge as it is not in a location that would accurately measure the downstream flooding. Lisa has been monitoring levels both in Plymouth and Rumney (where the gauge is).

Sherrill will contact NHDES about the Instream Flow Study to get an update.

Bill – Another place to house the bus line for the town of Plymouth, instead of Whole Village. They will be using the PSU facilities building.

13. Sherrill entertained a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jim 1st, Lewis seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Faran

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Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

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