

Location: YLLA Room, Pease Public Library, 1 Russell Street, Plymouth, NH 03264

Members Present:

Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe

Bridgewater: Judy Faran

Bristol:

Campton: Sherrill Howard

Holderness: Will Abbott

Lincoln: O.J. Robinson, Timmie Maine Miller

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

Plymouth: Bill Bolton

Thornton:

Woodstock: Jim Chesebrough

At Large:

LRPC (Lakes Region Planning Commission):

Guest:

1. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Review of minutes:** The minutes of the May 2026 meeting were reviewed. Bill -1st O.J. 2nd all approved.
3. Updates for **Lincoln Gondola Project**.

Will and Timmie drafted a letter to go to the NHDES (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services) Commissioner regarding that PRLAC is concerned about the Public Trust Doctrine and how it applied to the river. Sherrill clarified who the letter should go to including 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 NHDES by signing it as Chair, and adding the names of PRLAC member (and their respective towns) below her name. Due to a conflict of interest, O.J.'s name will be omitted. The group decided to send the letter by USPS with return receipt requested, and well as sending it electronically. Sherrill made a motion to accept the letter and its distribution. Kathleen 1st, Barry 2nd. All approved, O.J. abstained.

4. **VRAP Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP)** updates. Liam Boneyman from NHDES is taking a job in Colorado and Tracie Sales will be our contact.

5. Sherrill has been trying to get a hold of Joe Schmidl of the **NHDES Instream Flow Program**. She has been unable to and it appears the he may have retired. She will continue to try to get us an update on the status of the program.
6. 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. Jim made a motion that at each meeting the group will review 10 items on the list and see what if any action is needed. Jim 1st, Will 2nd. All approved.
7. Tracie Sales of NHDES sent PRLAC a notice regarding surplus land of about **10 acres in New Hampton** that would be transferred ownership from the NH Department of Safety to another unspecified state agency. While in the Management Corridor, it does not touch the river. It is currently being used as a shooting range and will continue in that mode

Tracie wants to know if we feel this proposed transfer would have any impact on the Pemigewasset River. Sherrill poled the members and it was agreed that there would be no impact. Sherrill will send a reply to Tracie.
8. NH Audubon directed staff to make rule making procedures regarding the use of **Rodenticides in NH.** We are pleased to report that last week the NH Pesticide Control Board voted unanimously to direct agency staff to begin rule-making procedures that will add second generation anticoagulant rodenticides to New Hampshire's list of restricted-use pesticides. This designation restricts purchase, possession, and application solely to certified, licensed applicators and requires logging of total amounts applied and sizes of treated areas on a daily basis and annual reporting to the Board."
9. **The American Rivers Action Grant notice.** Sherrill received a letter from the Legislative Director of the American Rivers Action Fund stating that there was grant monies available. It was too late to apply as she received it two days before the deadline to apply. She will contact them to see if she can get the notice in a timelier manner.
10. Discussion was held regarding the expenditure of the **PRLAC budget** with the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Sherrill will contact Matt Rose to get an accounting of what the budget was spent on and what towns paid their annual dues. The plan is to get a better sense of how PRLAC uses the money, and why we are out of funds.
11. Sherrill received a copy of a notice from Michael Schlosser of NHDES that is addressed to Mr. Brian Lash, LCJ Holdings, regarding the **Riverside Development at Owl's Nest and the Lafayette Road Extension**. The NHDES received Mr. Lash's request to withdraw the Alteration of Terrain Permit Application 252220-196. The letter confirms that cancellation.

12. **PRLAC meetings** will continue to be held at Pease Library Community Room with a backup location being the YLLA room at the Pease Library.
13. **Privilege of the Floor.** Nothing was brought up.
14. Sherrill entertained a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jim 1st, Bill seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Faran

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Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

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