

**Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2013**

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members present: Dick Snow (Candia), Harriet Cady (Deerfield), Anne Lightbody, Dick Lord, Rachel Stevens (Durham), Joe Foley, Jenn Rowden (Epping), Fred Lindahl (Fremont), Sharon Meeker (Lee), Mike Russo (Nottingham), Ted Janusz (Raymond)

others present: Dawn Genes, Suzanne Petersen

absent: Bill Hall, Todd Piskovitz (excused), Jere Beckman (excused), Kitty Miller, Preston Samuel (excused), Michelle Daley (excused), Peter Wellenberger (excused), Kathleen Hoelzel

summary of motions:

Anne Lightbody made a motion to send a second letter regarding HB588 to the NH Senate if the House passes it. Sharon Meeker seconded. Motion was approved with 10 yes votes and 1 abstention.

management plan review – round 2

Members reviewed two sections that they had not reviewed earlier and made comments. Suzanne Petersen will integrate new comments into the text.

River Segment Report Card presentation

Jenn Rowden introduced the group to the section on NHDES's website that displays 303d water quality summaries for river segments. The site can be accessed at www2.des.nh.gov/swqa/ or by using the A-Z search for Surface Water Quality Report Card under the main website.

Data for year 2010 were gathered from 2006 to 2008 and represent averages. Jenn handed out a summary of Lamprey River and tributary impairments and how to find information for a sample segment. The information should be useful for project review sub-committee members who want to prevent further degradation of impaired segments or to protect segments with high water quality.

approval of minutes from Jan. 24, 2013

Dick Snow made a motion to approve the minutes with a minor grammatical correction. Dick Lord seconded. Minutes were approved as amended with 10 yes votes and 1 abstention.

LRAC letterhead

Mike Russo noted that the agenda has been printed on draft letterhead. Members made suggestions for changes. Suzanne Petersen will revise the draft for approval or additional changes at the next meeting.

legislative alert: HB 588

This bill extends the date for completion of the instream flow pilot program for 2 years and extends the committee to study the impact of water withdrawals on instream flows. Mike Russo drafted a letter of support and e-mailed it to committee members for comment. The letter was sent to Concord.

In the future, the committee might want to consider creating a legislative sub-committee to discuss and comment on pertinent proposed legislation. All new bills are posted Jan. 1. Having a set schedule to review bills would eliminate the need for rush letters between scheduled committee meetings.

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Deerfield Safety Complex proposal

Harriet Cady shared maps of the project. The town will vote on the warrant article during town meeting in March. The committee can do little right now other than suggest low impact design features to the engineer and wait for the vote outcome.

miscellaneous

- Jenn Rowden asked if other towns had any pertinent warrant articles or votes.
 - Epping has a vote for new water wells.
 - Candia is seeking a zoning change for sand and gravel.
 - Raymond has a question regarding water wells.
 - Nottingham, without a vote, has made a commitment to use less road salt and will send its public works employees for salt reduction classes.
- Suzanne Petersen reported that the Seacoast Green Infrastructure advisory board has met twice. Fifteen representatives come from towns and river advisory committees. They will advise the science team on how best to spend \$135,000 on green infrastructure projects and outreach in the Great Bay watershed. Suzanne is attending currently as a courtesy to LRAC. No volunteers stepped forward, so she will continue to attend the meetings.
- Sharon Meeker noted that the NH Water and Watershed Workshop will take place on March 22 at Plymouth State University. All representatives are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in carpooling should contact Sharon.

adjournment

Mike Russo made a motion to adjourn. Dick Lord seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54.