

**Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018
7:00 P.M. Lee Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road**

APPROVED APRIL 10, 2018

members present: Emily Schmalzer (Brentwood), Cynthia Kelsey (Deerfield), Mary Ann Krebs, Anne Lightbody, Dick Lord (Durham), Al Hall (Candia), Joe Foley (Epping), Kitty Miller, Preston Samuel (Lee), Cris Blackstone, Monica Christofili, Jerry Martin (Newmarket)

staff present: Laurel Cox, Emma Lord, Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

guests present: Michal Zahorik

Meeting began at 7:00.

introductions:

Three new representatives, all from Newmarket, were welcomed to the committee

approval of minutes from January 8, 2018:

Dick Lord Made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Al Hall seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

financial report:

- Check register showed normal activity. In addition, \$3000 donation to Great Bay Stewards for Blanding's turtle nesting was paid.
- Land protection account showed minimal activity.
- The newly released president's budget was reviewed by the Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Committee. Each river shows a decrease for FY 2019 of \$19,000 over FY 2018. Jim MacCartney indicated this is not final and it is reasonable that level funding could be restored by the legislature. In the meantime, the PW&SR Committee is seeking sponsors for the annual "Dear Colleague letter" and all participating rivers will be encouraged to get their federal representatives to sign on.

workgroup updates:

land protection:

The group did not meet in January. No major activity to report.

outreach:

- Much of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the Thompson Forest kiosk.
- Dick Lord made a motion to divide the \$1600.81 cost of building the Thompson Forest kiosk 50:50 between history and outreach. Preston

Samuel seconded. The motion passed with 3 votes plus Sharon Meeker *in absentia*.

- The group reviewed the draft kiosk policy and would prefer to use it as a guidance tool rather than a policy.
- Meetings in Nottingham on Monday and Tuesday were very productive:
 - The *Twenty Years of Progress* report was presented to the Nottingham Select Board and members had many questions. They were well aware that the town currently has no LRAC representation and were working hard to find someone.
 - The new Nottingham Trails Committee is eager to work with LRAC to improve walking access to several conservation properties in town. Two grant possibilities were discussed: LRAC Small Grants and a just-released grant opportunity from the National Park Foundation for significant funding. Preliminary plans for one property were shared with LRAC. By consensus, it was agreed that LRAC will work with Nottingham to apply for the NPF grant.
- Based on information about the NPF grants, it was suggested that LRAC apply for two additional trail grants in Epping that would help to effect the proposed Lamprey River Foot Path.

history:

Historical components of the Thompson Forest kiosk were discussed.

recreation:

See above.

project review:

- Five separate shoreland applications for a subdivision on Lincoln Ave. in Newmarket were discussed. The Granite Bridge liquefied gas line was noted as a potential project with two crossings of the Lamprey River in Raymond and a holding tank in Epping. See attached sheet for details.
- Prior to this evening's meeting, an extra review was undertaken for a dock permit application on the tidal section of the river in Newmarket. Chief concerns were for five species of rare plants noted in the vicinity of the project and whether a shoreland permit would also be required.

water quality:

The UNH student is diligently analyzing data as part of reviewing data from the past 26 years. His work will conclude in 2 months.

wildlife:

- A discussion about the two wildlife trail cameras yielded a recommendation to use one to monitor wildlife at the Route 87 wildlife tunnel and one to count paddlers accessing the Route 87 to Wadleigh Falls section. Additional discussion at the LRAC meeting indicated further review about where to place the cameras might be warranted.

- A suggestion to study bats along the river yielded several potential researchers and contacts with whom to define a study.

grants:

Preliminary work on the canoe passage improvement has begun, including a draft work plan and contacting landowners.

LRWA:

No recent minutes have been received. The LRWA liaison was absent, so there was no update.

town issues:

Newmarket:

The Macallen Dam Study Committee will meet Feb. 15.

Northwood:

It was noted that the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association is strong and active. A partnership with between PLIA and LRAC should be pursued.

other:

It was noted that town elections will be held March 13; therefore, the March LRAC meeting will begin at 7:30 instead of 7:00.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Preston Samuel seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12.

**Project Review Meeting Notes
February 1, 2018**

present: Joe Foley, Al Hall, Suzanne Petersen, Preston Samuel

Newmarket, 5 lots on a subdivision on Lincoln Avenue:

Five separate shoreland permit applications were reviewed. Comments for the lots were similar and focused on the following concerns:

- Plans did not acknowledge common land agreed to as part of the subdivision.
- Plans indicated houses would be connected to town water and sewer, but none showed where these connections would occur.
- Plans referred to leaving shoreland areas in an “unaltered state”, but access to the river or other potential uses were not included.
- Stormwater drainage outfalls appear to have been planned without consideration of 100 year flood lines.
- A ¼ inch steel plate was proposed as a metering device in concrete stormwater structures. A more durable material was recommended.
- Plans noted a rip-rap apron at the stormwater containment outlets, but no dimensions were provided.

- Silt fences were either not labeled or placed far from the proposed limit of disturbance; clarification was sought.

Granite Bridge Pipeline:

The group was made aware of a proposed project to run 22 miles of liquefied natural gas lines from Manchester to Stratham along Route 101. This pipeline would cross the Lamprey twice in Raymond. A storage facility is proposed for Epping.