

**Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017
7:30 P.M. Lee Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road**

APPROVED APRIL 11, 2017

members present: Al Hall (Candia), Dick Lord (Durham), Joe Foley (Epping), Sharon Meeker, Kitty Miller, Preston Samuel (Lee), Carolyn Matthews (Raymond)

staff present: Suzanne Petersen

members absent: Emily Schmalzer (excused), Cynthia Kelsey (excused), Anne Lightbody (excused), Elizabeth Dudley (excused), Michelle Shattuck (excused), Deb McNelly (excused)

Meeting began at 8:00.

approval of minutes from February 14, 2017:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. All Hall seconded. Minutes were approved with 6 yes votes and 1 abstention.

financial report:

All reports were reviewed with no unusual activity noted. It was noted that the land protection account is current with all pending obligations paid.

LRWA update:

It was reported that LRWA was understandably upset that they had no knowledge of LRAC's plans to seek grants for the canoe passage enhancement project. In the future, the LRWA chair and treasurer will be copied on all LRAC minutes.

outreach, recreation, history update:

- Two grant applications have been submitted for the canoe passage enhancement project.
- The official contract between Trout Unlimited and LRAC has been prepared in compliance with NPS criteria. The contract will be signed following the spring freshet.
- Schoppmeyer Park work is moving forward. Plenty of financial support is coming in. The next meeting will take place on March 22.
- Two drafts have been prepared for the Mendum's Pond Dam historical marker. Dick Lord will tweak and have something ready for the April 5 meeting with NHDES at the site.
- The group was asked for its input on the desirability of pursuing a Volksmarch starting at Wiswall Falls and ending at Newmarket that includes narrated stops. Follow up at next meeting.

land protection:

- No meetings have been held recently and the March meeting is cancelled.
- The group is awaiting word about a possible agreement with a project in Epping.

water quality:

No information.

wildlife:

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4 at 9:00 at the office.

town issues:

- Raymond: A citizen has voiced concerns about a snow dump located near the river. Raymond's groundwater protection ordinance essentially puts most municipal land off-limits for snow dumps. Advice was sought about NHDES requirements and how other towns handle snow dumps.
- Candia: The North River seems unusually high this year. Is it possible that this is caused by the capped landfill nearby? Discussion ensued without a definitive answer.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Al Hall seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43.

SUPPLEMENTS

Outreach, Rec, & History Workgroup Notes March 1, 2017

present: Dick Lord, Sharon Meeker, Kitty Miller, Suzanne Petersen, Preston Samuel

Canoe Passage Enhancement Project:

- Proposal from Trout Unlimited was accepted at the Feb. 14 meeting.
- Jim MacCartney has offered a boiler-plate contract for official use.
- Preston has prepared a map of abutters that includes parcel numbers, tax lines, and contact info.
- One grant application for \$5000 has been submitted to NH Charitable Foundation. Another grant application for \$1000 will be submitted to Am. Canoe Association.
- Signage for the Route 87 access needs to be determined. Jim reportedly has something written. Suzanne was asked to suggest something, as well.

Summer Rec Offerings?

- Paddle on the tidal portion making use of Newmarket kayaks and Seven Rivers guiding?
- Volksmarch from Wiswall to Newmarket?

Schoppmeyer Park Update:

- The easement has been signed.

- The park committee reports that plenty of money has been coming in.
- The group hopes to get the park mostly up and open this summer. How to get from one side to the other is still being decided: walk through woods or build a footbridge over the creek.
- LRAC has offered to help with the kiosk and landscape planning, but the town group seems to have solid ideas of what it wants.

Small Grants:

- Suggested projects:
 - Schoppmeyer Park kiosk
 - Junior Rangers at Lamprey River Elementary School in Raymond
 - mill stories from Epping and/or Newmarket
- Until we hear from NH Charitable Foundation about the canoe passage grant, we assume that we have \$5000 (not the \$10,000 budgeted) for Small Grants this year.

Mendum's Pond Dam Sign:

Dick emailed the project manager over a week ago, but has heard nothing back. The sign is supposed to be ready for manufacture by the end of March. Preston will provide 2-3 sentences that summarize the connection between the dam and Newmarket Mills and contact the project manager.

Other:

- Date for curriculum field trip for Mast Way School is not yet known.
- We need to collect dates for town events to add to our outreach calendar.

Project Review Workgroup Meeting Notes

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groundwater discharge permit application, Walmart Distribution Center, Raymond

- Proponent wishes to discharge treated waste water from floor sweeping and battery wash to the existing waste water system on site.
- Waste water generated by the washing of vehicles is sent off-site for treatment and disposal. No change.
- Original in-ground individual sewage disposal permit was issued in 1995 for 6000 gallons of domestic waste per day. The permit was modified in 2005 for up to 10,000 gallons per day. Current average input is around 4500 gallons per day of domestic sewage.
- Supporting material is somewhat confusing. A letter from NHDES indicates that any waste water other than domestic will need a new permit. The proponent includes references to 10% of the waste water stream other than domestic that seems to be going in already.
- Site plans and soil characterizations are from 1994. The facility is using the same waste water treatment system that was originally approved and installed in 1995.
- Sweeping and battery wash water is treated using a high quality Zenon system that employs several different modes of contaminant capture. No data on test results were provided. LRAC members agreed that they would appreciate any relevant information on how equipment is maintained and monitored.
- One committee member felt that a site visit by LRAC would allow members to see with their own eyes how the Zenon system works. Although a site visit might be interesting,

- the committee's ability to determine effectiveness of treatment through such a visit is doubtful. An educational visit to see a similar process at the Epping WWTF was offered.
- It was noted that Walmart will begin testing additional Lamprey River sites, one above the site, another below, for water contaminants. These data points have long been on LRAC's radar as needed for a more complete picture of overall river water quality.
 - After concerns were aired and discussed, the consensus was that the LRAC does not have the technical expertise to evaluate the application. LRAC will, therefore, defer to NHDES's expertise to process this application. NHDES will be requested to share the water quality data from the sampling sites.