

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee- Wild and Scenic Sub-committee
Meeting Minutes March 13, 2012 Durham Police Station 7:30 p.m.**

Approved 4-10-2012.

members present: Joe Foley, Bill Hall, Rich Kelley, Dick Lord, Sharon Meeker, Kitty Miller (in at 7:45)

staff/affiliates present: Laurel Cox, Suzanne Petersen, David Viale

absent: Michelle Daley, Jim Hewitt (excused), Jim MacCartney (excused), Jenn Rowden, Peter Wellenberger (excused)

Meeting began at 7:35 p.m..

Approval of agenda: Dick Lord made a motion to approve the agenda. Sharon Meeker seconded. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

Minutes from Jan. 10, 2012: Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sharon Meeker seconded. Minutes were approved with 3 yes votes and 2 abstentions.

Minutes from Feb. 14, 2012: Approval was deferred until April.

Non-public land protection: Dick Lord made a motion to go into a non-public session in accordance with NH RSA 91-A-3 and to include LRAC staff and affiliates. Rich Kelley seconded. Yes votes from Dick Lord, Rich Kelley, Sharon Meeker, Bill Hall, & Joe Foley

Financial report: Jim Hewitt was not present, so no official report was given. Sharon Meeker reported that a NPS deposit had been received.

NPS Funds: **Rich Kelley made a motion to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with SELT to reflect an additional deposit of approximately \$330,000 to the LRAC land protection account (with a final amount to be determined after immediate land protection expenses are paid).** (This motion was presented at the Feb. meeting, but it was later recognized that a quorum of members had not been present.)

Dick Lord seconded.

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstention from Kitty Miller.

Sub-committee reports:

Wildlife: Kitty Miller reported that Mark West's report would be in in the next few weeks. The report has been vetted by the Natural Heritage folks to ensure sensitive information regarding endangered specimens is not released to the public. The group discussed and agreed that a policy regarding sharing of sensitive information needs to be developed.

Outreach: Suzanne Petersen reported:

- The film festival on Feb. 26 went well, despite low attendance due to a conflict with a Durham political forum held at the same time. One important contact made was Marc Jacobs, a wetlands and soil specialist, who indicated an interest in helping the project review sub-committee.
- Planning for a family fun day at Mary Blair Park is well under way. Confirmed participants include: the Center for Wildlife, Epping Recreation, Epping High School Science Club, water quality testing, reptile and amphibian crafts, NH DOT's big watershed model, use of a "Safari in a Box" kit with local pelts and footprints, and food provided by Epping Youth Athletic Association. Participation is also being sought from Epping Historic Association, Epping Conservation Commission, a canoe rental company, and Bambi Miller's "worm tent".
- Preliminary contact has been made with NH Fish & Game and Dave Cedarholm to have a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at Wiswall Falls this spring.

Sharon Meeker reported that LRWA has indicated a strong desire to formalize a relationship by joining forces with LRAC for newsletters and perhaps the website. Sharon also reported that the deadline for Small Grants had been extended to April 26.

WHIC:

Dick Lord reported that as part of historic mitigation at the park, funding is available for a third panel. Having LRAC fund a fourth panel to honor John Hatch would be a good project to pursue.

Water quantity:

Rich Kelley reported that he had reached out to DES for an update on the river management plan, but they had nothing to report.

Congressional request:

Rich Kelley reported that he has not pursued Congressional funding this year. He indicated that he would try to find time. He also will try to outline a procedure for other committee members to follow for future requests.

Adjournment: Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Meeker seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.