

**Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes**  
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll, and Coos County  
Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Members in Attendance: Michael King, Bill Harris (Haverhill); Rick Walling (Bath); Errol Peters (Landaff), Charles Ryan, Jessica Willis, Connie McDade (Littleton); Marilyn Johnson (Bethlehem); Leslie Bergum, Joan Karpf, Linda Dowling (Carroll)

Members Absent: Steve Jesseman (Lisbon), Karen Pearson (Bethlehem), Michael Waddell, John Scarinza (Coos County)

Members of Public in Attendance: Bill Dowling (Carroll)

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Ryan opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. at the North Country Council in Bethlehem. Michael made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jessica. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Michael provided members with an update on funding for 2010 received from all the towns except Littleton and Coos County. Current balance on account=\$536.90

**Correspondence**

1. Announcements and Letters

▪ Rx Burn Guide

Jessica suggested LAC comment that proximity to streams, particularly 4<sup>th</sup> order was not addressed in the plan. Under category of land cover, members suggest adding to the above that riparian buffers be maintained. Charlie will send LAC's comments to Jim Oehler at Fish & Game ([james.oehler@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:james.oehler@wildlife.nh.gov)) by Jan.17<sup>th</sup>.

▪ Oyster River Nomination in RMPP HB44 being held 1/10/11

Members agreed to send comments, whenever group specifically requests the Ammonoosuc River LAC's support. Members were asked to communicate with their House Representative, if they're on committee hearing the nomination.

▪ Annual Environmental Policy Breakfast "The Business of Conservation" 1/26/11 in Concord. Michael will try to attend.

2. Incoming Permit Applications

▪ File#2010-03269 Woodsville-Ronald Drown Sr. Application/Replacement of Septic System

Charlie read to the members the LAC comments he sent to Craig Day on 12/20/10 that were due 12/28/10.

▪ File#2010-3336 Town of Carroll and Donald Gadbois/Removal of Installed Culvert. Linda provided the members with an update on how the town plans to handle the problem. Charlie will send LAC comments, encourage remediation efforts taking place and restoration of area as planned to Wetlands Inspector, Sandra Mattfeldt @[des.state.nh.us](mailto:des.state.nh.us) by due date 1/09/11.

**Old Business**

1. Littleton Planning Board Hearing/Highland Croft (1/04/11)  
Charlie thanked those, who had submitted letters to be read at the hearing and informed the members about the proceedings. Michael said there was an article about the Littleton Blasting Plan on page 1 of Jan. 5th Manchester Union Leader. Bill was asked questions about cost of testing/nitrates and nitrites. He answered that there's a general test that just detects the presence of nitrates, reportedly inexpensive, however the comprehensive testing regimen that needs to be done, if nitrates are found is costly. Bill talked about water contamination recovery time as well as the ability of towns to again make future use of their water resource, after nitrates are no longer detected.
2. Erosion and Culvert Problem Dartmouth Brook, Carroll  
Leslie said the groups involved in solving the problem would address it in the spring, when they will conduct the appropriate site visits.

### **New Business**

1. Annual Report  
Charlie received a message from Jennifer Rowden, regarding the NHDES Annual Report. In 2009, the River Program statute was amended to require LACs to submit a report on the committee's activities every two years instead of reporting annually. The Ammo LAC was unaware of this change. Connie recommended we continue to write up LAC's report annually, while the information is still fresh in the mind. The two-year report is next due February 28th, 2011. In 2009 LAC's Annual Report was sent to several DES officials, however Jennifer informed Charlie that our 2009 Annual Report was not on file. She said we could send a copy of the 2009 report along with the report due for 2010. Connie was asked to communicate with Steve Couture to confirm which DES officials should continue to receive the report and how often it should go to them.
2. Biennial Volunteer Hours Report  
Members discussed how best to provide volunteer hour data to Connie on a regular basis. Discussed items to include in this category; may wish to pare the list down. Decision was to ask members at each future monthly meeting to jot down the volunteer hours expended outside the meeting time.
3. Other Issues  
Leslie made an inquiry, regarding best way to learn about legislative bills that undermine the statutes; she also asked about amendments. Michael provided info about keeping track of the large number of LSRs. Can get Legislative Updates on line or list-serve communication by e-mail. To find the LSR's (Legislative Service Requests or bill-drafting requests) go to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov). Click on Government, State Government, ... (Ref. Dec 30, 2010)
4. NCES sent a DVD, showing remediation at Bethlehem landfill seep site. Charlie provided it for members to view the contents. Marilyn will look at it first.

### **Adjournment**

Jessica made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Connie. Passed. Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade*

[Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, February 2, 2011](#)