

**Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee Meeting Approved Minutes
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, and Carroll**
Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Members in Attendance: Robert Fagnant (Haverhill), Richard Walling (Bath), Charlie Ryan, Connie McDade (Littleton), Marilyn Johnson (Bethlehem), Joan Karpf, Leslie Bergum (Carroll)

Potential New Member in Attendance: Robert Fagnant introduced Bill Harris. He is a prospective candidate to replace Bob as a member representative from Haverhill. Bill is the Treatment Plant Operator and does the water testing for the town.

Absent: Michael King (Haverhill), Dennis Solinsky (Bath), Steve Jesseman, Jonathan Reid (Lisbon), Torrey McMillan (Bethlehem)

Guest: Tara Bamford, Planning Director for North Country Council

Review and Approval of May Minutes (Meeting did not take place in June)

Chairman Charlie Ryan opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. at the North Country Council. Leslie made the motion to accept the May minutes; Marilyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (none)

Announcements

1. Connie reported Robert Fagnant (Haverhill), Douglas Erb (Landaff), and Aaron Townshend (Littleton) have resigned as LAC members.
2. Leslie suggested potential new members Lindsey Cole or Marilyn Booth to replace Doug Erb (Landaff). Leslie will contact Selectman Doug Erb to offer those names. Jessica Willis, a VRAP volunteer, was proposed by Leslie as a potential new member to replace Aaron in Littleton. Charlie will recommend Jessica to the Littleton BOS. Connie said the 3 resignations have left us with 11 members, resulting in a quorum of 6 to conduct business.
3. Whenever a member is replaced, need to factor in the interest groups that have to be represented on the committee. In order to keep track, LAC members will be asked to name the interest group(s) they represent on the committee during the August meeting.
4. Rick and Acting Rivers Coordinator Laura Weit discussed LAC's meeting attendance problem. She made a number of suggestions, some of which are in the works. Charlie received phone calls and e-mails from members unable to attend the July meeting. Laura said the river signs are now available; protected river signs are free.
5. Tara recommended consideration be given to MWR having a representative participate with us as we put together the Corridor Management Plan. Stacey Dahl's name was suggested because she is an experienced planner; she currently serves as Sustainability Directory of the Mt. Washington Resort. Charlie said he would contact Stacey to inquire if she's interested and has time to work with us. Charlie will report back to us at the upcoming meeting.

Presentation by Tara Bamford (Management Plan Tasks to be Completed in July)

1. Tara said Charlie, as LAC Chairman, has the authority to appoint subcommittee members. Marilyn, Leslie, Joan, and Connie volunteered to be on the Management Planning Subcommittee. Rick will also serve as a member, as much as his schedule permits. Charlie officially appointed the above members to the newly formed River Corridor Management Planning Subcommittee.
2. Charlie agreed to take the lead on public outreach during the plan development process, aka public information officer.

3. LAC members were asked to communicate with their respective town officials about upcoming meeting with Dr. John Field and LAC members planned for mid October-early November. The goal is to provide information to Towns' Select Boards, Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, others about river activities, data collected, and grants received and to seek input from attendees in order to put together a river corridor management plan.
4. Charlie will tabulate a list of e-mail addresses for the officials of the 7 river corridor towns in order to facilitate upcoming communications.
5. Charlie was asked to invite Rebecca Brown, Executive Director of ACT to attend August 5th meeting @ 4:30 p.m. to help LAC members coordinate upcoming activities.
6. Tara will schedule Dr. Field's Presentation on results of his fluvial geomorphology study to take place at the Senior Center in Littleton on September 22 at 7 p.m. Connie will open the Senior Center facility and set up tables. Marilyn will coordinate refreshments. Rick will obtain a screen for the presentation.
7. Publicity for Dr. Field's presentation on the 22nd includes submission of announcement of the event to area newspapers and distribution of flyers in the river corridor towns. The plan is to use CRJC and NCC graphics for logo on the flyers.
8. Leslie made the motion for Rick to introduce Dr. Field's presentation on September 22; Marilyn seconded the motion; passed. Rick offered opening remarks at the June 26th informative session, which makes it straightforward for him to introduce Dr. Field's presentation of the study results. His previous involvement will be helpful with the carry over from the one event to the other because Tara will be away during the month of September.
9. Tara asked for someone to coordinate the October-November BOS/PB/CC Town Meetings with Dr. Field in each of the seven towns so a few meetings would be scheduled on consecutive dates to cut back travel time and distance for Dr. Field. Connie offered to be the coordinator. Members are asked to notify Connie of a few dates when their town's officials can meet with Dr. Field during those months so she can set us a schedule to be confirmed by Dr. Field. Charlie will contact officials at the non-represented towns.
10. Joan inquired if officials of two of the LAC membership towns can meet together with Dr. Field in October-November. Tara said that would be all right, if it can be arranged.

Old Business

1. Updated Interim Members List was handed out.
2. Connie provided members with a copy of HB2 letters of April 15 and May 22, 2009 that were sent by ARLAC to the NH Senate Finance Committee.
3. Leslie reported that the Senate voted HB452 Upper Reach Designation as ought to pass with amendment on June 3rd. Concurrence was received from the NH House June 10th. The amended bill provides for riparian rights in establishment of protected instream flow and also piggy backed exemption from terrain alteration permitting requirements for certain existing trail construction operations. HB452 awaits signature by Governor Lynch in July.
4. Leslie provided VRAP report about the additional river sites being tested.
5. Charlie was asked for an update on Riverwalk. Charlie will report back at August meeting.
6. Connie gave members a copy of Press Release about Dr. John Field's Workshop on 6/26/09.
7. Riparian landowner lists are needed for Towns of Landaff, Lisbon, Bethlehem and Carroll. The lists have been received for Towns of Haverhill, Bath, and Littleton.

New Business

The Alteration of Terrain Application by Dinash Patel for McDonald's Commercial Development at site of Travelers Inn in Littleton

Charlie looked at the site when PB received request for lot line adjustment. Outflow from Dell's Pond follows a course by an upper pond and then passes through a nearby second pond located alongside the proposed development site. The stream is directed through a culvert under Route 302, eventually entering wetlands in Littleton Meadows shortly before entering into the Ammonoosuc River. The alteration of terrain doesn't appear to directly impact wetlands, however members have concern about sediment entering the stream and stormwater runoff. Members recommended protection of water quality by use of O&M Best Management Practices during alteration of terrain and construction, proper use of silt fences and minimizing impervious surfaces. Members expressed the need for the State to oversee permitted sites at intervals during the excavation process. Connie will walk on the site and report her findings to the members.

HB102

Leslie reported on Revisions/RMPP NH Government legislature proposed changes in reporting to the DES Commissioner, RMAC, and municipalities.

IV. The Commissioner Shall Submit A Biennial Report By October 1 To The Speaker Of The House Of Representatives, The Senate President, The Chairperson Of The House Resources, Recreation And Development Committee, The Chairperson Of The Senate Energy, Environment, And Economic Development Committee, And The State Library Summarizing All Receipts And Disbursements Of The Rivers Management And Protection Fund, Including A Description Of All Projects Or Activities Undertaken. Each Report Shall Be In Such Detail With Sufficient Information To Be Fully Understood By The General Court And The Public. After Submission To The General Court, The Report Shall Be Available To The Public.

Gold Panning in Wild Ammonoosuc River without a Permit

Bob reported on efforts by Constable Dennis McCabe to be sure those engaged in this activity had permits. DES was contacted about problems in the tributary. The swimming hole was closed.

Meeting Agenda

Connie suggested issuing a meeting agenda to members prior to each meeting, which might help with member attendance. Charlie said it is hard to do because of new business that comes up at last minute. Connie suggested those items could fall under the category of other new business.

USGS Quad Maps 7.5-Minute Size and Soil Maps

Rick suggested the committee make use of the USGS Maps and Grafton County Soil Maps.

Associate Members

1. Robert Fagnant said he would like to continue to be on the e-mailing list to keep informed about LAC's activities. Joan made the motion to make him an Associate Member; Rick seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Bob will be kept on the mailing list and attend meetings whenever he can.
2. Bill Harris asked if he could continue to attend our meetings during the interim that the BOS submits their nomination for replacement of Bob. Rick made the motion for Bill to be an Associate Member; Marilyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Bill will be put on e-mail list of Associate LAC Members and attend meetings whenever he can.
3. Connie will issue an e-mail list of Associate Members.

Adjournment

Rick made the motion to adjourn; Marilyn seconded the motion. Passed. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m

[Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, August 5, 2009](#)

Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade