

**Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes**  
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll, and Coos County  
Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Members in Attendance: (Haverhill) Michael King, Bill Harris; (Bath) Rick Walling; (Landaff) Errol Peters; (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman; (Littleton) Charlie Ryan, Connie McDade; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson; (Carroll) Leslie Bergum, Joan Karpf, Linda Dowling  
Members Absent: (Littleton) Jessica Willis; (Coos County) Michael Waddell, John Scarinza

**Review and Approval of April Minutes**

Chairman Ryan opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the North Country Council in Bethlehem. Michael made the motion to approve the April Meeting minutes, seconded by Errol. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report Handed Out to Members**

Michael reported that 2010 Annual Town Funding was not received from Littleton or Coos County (total amount outstanding is \$100). Charlie and Connie said they'd follow up in regard to Littleton's portion of the outstanding balance. Letters to the towns for the 2011 Annual Funding were provided to the members to bring to their towns.

**Correspondence**

1. Announcements and Letters
  - Volunteer pins  
Charlie provided the President's Volunteer Service Award pins to the members.
  - Inquiry from Lelia Mellen/Lamprey River LAC  
The Lamprey LAC wants to extend protected portion of river from 13 miles to 88 miles. Charlie read the questionnaire to the members; he will send a reply to Lelia.
  - Proposed Changes to Construction General Permit (CGP)  
Charlie informed members about the CGP; he will forward related incoming e-mails to them. The CGP item will be put on June Meeting agenda to discuss construction impact on surface waters. Need to send comments to EPA by 6/24.
2. Incoming Permit Applications
  - NHDES Standard Dredge & Fill Application for rehabilitation of Prospect Street Bridge, Bethlehem was received from H.E. Bergeron Engineers for NHDOT Project #14228. Involves replacement of timber deck, repair of superstructure and abutments, installation of timber bridge rail and timber curb, surface pavement, and full bridge pavement. It is being classified as a minor impact project as less than 3,000 sq. ft. of wetland will be impacted. Detailed erosion and sediment control plans were provided.

**Old Business**

1. VRAP  
Leslie reminded members about VRAP Annual Training in Concord on May 14<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Leslie transported the water testing equipment to the DES for the annual spring tune-up and will pick it up in Concord, when ready. The DO Meter was found to be out of order. The cost of diagnosis and repair of the DO Meter was determined to be exorbitant so the plan is for the volunteers to make use of a loaner from the DES.
2. Bath Bridge

Steve and Rick are drafting a letter to go to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates in reply to their request for LAC to review limits of the proposed project and identify environmental concerns. Rick and Steve were asked to forward their final letter to the chairman and secretary.

3. Update on construction of Mt. Washington Resort Bridge (provided by Leslie).
4. Bridge repairs on US Route 302 Pierce Bridge in Bethlehem (reported on by Marilyn).
5. Removal of Redington Street Bridge in Littleton and incident of propane tank being swept into the river upstream of Littleton and retrieved by Littleton Fire Department (commented on by Charlie)
6. Marilyn followed up with the DES about the river designation signs ordered by Bethlehem in 2008, which have not been received.
7. Steve learned that Mike Carver wouldn't be able to serve as a new Lisbon LAC member as his schedule is too busy.
8. Connie said LAC sent the following outgoing letters this month:
  - Letter about HB1 was sent to Senate President Bragdon with copies to Senator Charles Morse, Chairman of Senate Finance Committee and to each of the Finance Committee Members. E-mail message was also sent because of upcoming deadline.
  - Letter expressing concern about impact of proposed Northern Pass project on water quality & quantity was sent to Brian Mills, Senior Planning Advisor at U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE). E-mail message was sent, as well, when learned DOE receipt of letter would be delayed because of security screening.
9. Rick suggested we put Northern Pass on LAC's agenda each month. Connie will do that.

### **New Business**

1. Town Issues
  - Rick reported on the "Taking Action for Wildlife" Inventory being done in Bath.
2. Other
  - Members inquired about receipt of Dr. Field's fluvial geomorphology final report and payment of his fee. Rick will try to obtain info in this regard.
  - Charlie recommended we reply to inquiries from developers, who ask for our input on environmental issues and natural resources, by providing them with locally known facts. The best way to raise our concerns is in question format, leaving the scientific statements to the professionals. Members concurred.
  - Leslie talked about the tabled motion from April's meeting, regarding reimbursement for cost of gasoline to do the water monitoring. Last year Ammonoosuc River volunteers put in 140 hours of labor and traveled 1400 miles in doing water quality tests. She proposed the volunteers keep a mileage log and keep track of costs for 2011. Leslie suggested we hold off on reimbursing gasoline mileage at this time and re-evaluate future reimbursement, after we know the future status of the VRAP Program.

### **Adjournment**

Steve made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Leslie. Passed. Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade*

Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, June 1st