

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll, Unincorporated Places
Wednesday, June 2, 2010

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

Members Absent: Karen Pearson (Bethlehem), Joan Karpf (Carroll), and Mike Waddell (Gorham)

Members of Public in Attendance: Bill Dowling (Carroll)

Review and Approval of May Minutes

Chairman Charlie Ryan opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the North Country Council. Michael made the motion to approve the May minutes, seconded by Rick. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Michael provided a handout to the members and explained the entries. He said the 2009 Carroll and Bethlehem public support payments got misplaced and suggested writing those receivables off. A motion was made by Rick to write off the \$50 payment of public support from both Carroll and Bethlehem for 2009. Linda seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous vote. Haverhill, Landaff, and Carroll have paid for 2010. Leslie corrected spelling of Carroll. Connie made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Leslie seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

1. Announcements and Letters
 - Connie provided members with change of e-mail address for Bill Harris.
 - Announced that Linda Dowling is now an official member.
 - Informed members HB1689 passed, protecting LACs from sunset.
 - Charlie welcomed aboard new member, John Scarinza (Jefferson), who will be representing unincorporated places.
2. Incoming NHDES Permit Applications (none)
3. Discussed Sale of State Owned Land in Bath (approximately 6-acre parcel with house) on US Route 302/10 by the Ammonoosuc River. Rick, Leslie, Joan and Connie looked at the site on May 26. Following review, the consensus of the members was LAC does not have an issue with the sale. Chairman Ryan will send an e-mail message to Laura Weit-Marcum, NHDES Acting Rivers Coordinator.

Old Business

1. Town Issues
 - Leslie discussed BW water main break as relates to the river. Photos to Ted Walsh, NHDES VRAP. Notified Andrew Schafermeyer, Fisheries Biologist NH F&G, as salmon fry and stock fish were released before the incident.

- Linda updated members about Old Town Road issue in Carroll. DES communicated with BOS about wetlands being drained, culvert taken out and wetlands restored (90 day extension).
 - Marilyn provided information about dumping on forested wetland behind town garage on Prospect Street in Bethlehem. Town voted to pay cost of restoration.
 - Charlie discussed plans to replace culvert on Highland Avenue, Littleton.
2. The Ammonoosuc River LAC participated in F&G Atlantic Salmon Fry Stocking.
 3. Leslie reported on ARLAC water quality monitoring of 12 sites for VRAP on 5/26 and plans for additional tests of e.coli, phosphorus, and chloride this summer. Discussed sites to test, holding time before reaching the lab, and frequency of testing.

New Business

1. Discussed Lecture Series for Public Outreach part of Management Plan. Excellent program set up by Tara Bamford, North Country Council Planner. Appreciation expressed for offer to provide food, however members said they could eat at home before the meeting. Plan is to have shortened LAC meeting take place in the barn to begin at 6 p.m. with lecture to start at 7 p.m. Schedule of program dates provided.
2. Charlie is setting up a Stream Crossing Rules Workshop with the DES to take place at VFW in Littleton. Members of LAC, Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions will be invited to attend. Date to be announced.
3. Rick provided Connecticut River Joint Commission Guidelines for Doing DES Application Reviews, which LAC can use as a baseline to standardize the reviews.
4. Rick update LAC members about the Connecticut River Joint Commission.
5. LAC members are invited to attend informational meeting being sponsored by the North Country Council on June 8 @ 7 p.m. in Jefferson at Town Hall. Sandy Crystall, Senior Resources Manager for NHDES Wetland Bureau will discuss water resource regulations and wetland protection statutes. Meeting geared for BOS, PB, and CC members. Randolph wetland Protection will be discussed. If you have questions for the speaker, e-mail in advance of the meeting to Carole Bont cbont@nccouncil.org.
6. Mike asked that it goes on the agenda for July LAC meeting to discuss applying for 604B Grant to do inventory.

Adjournment

Marilyn made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Steve. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade

[Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, July 7 at 6 p.m. in the Rock's Barn](#)