

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll, Unincorporated Places
Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Members in Attendance: Bill Harris (Haverhill), Rick Walling (Bath), Charlie Ryan, Connie McDade (Littleton), Marilyn Johnson (Bethlehem), Joan Karpf, Leslie Bergum (Carroll), Michael Waddell (Gorham)

Members Absent: Michael King (Haverhill), Errol Peters (Landaff), Steve Jesseman (Lisbon), Jessica Willis (Littleton), Karen Pearson (Bethlehem), Linda Dowling (Carroll), John Scarinza (Jefferson)

Guests in Attendance: Tara Bamford, North Country Council Planning Director
Melissa Coppola, Environmental Information Specialist, NH Division Forest and Lands-National Heritage Bureau

Review and Approval of Minutes

Charlie opened the meeting at the Red Barn on Rock's Estate in Bethlehem at 6 PM. Leslie made the motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Marilyn. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara presented the report on behalf of LAC Treasurer, Michael. There's currently \$286.90 in the bank account. Bath, Bethlehem, Coos County, Lisbon, and Littleton have not paid the 2010 annual public support amount. Payments from Carroll, Haverhill and Landaff have been received.

Correspondence

1. Announcements and Letters (none)
2. Incoming Permit Applications (File #100629-078)
DES Application for Alteration of Terrain/Lisbon Gravel Pit/Champagne
Charlie went over the packet information in detail. Comment period extends until August 15th. Regional impact affects Lisbon, Bethlehem, Sugar Hill and Littleton. Plan is to excavate 63 ac. on 179 ac. parcel for aggregate and quarry operations. The members commented about the hydrologic vibration assessment study and the stormwater management plan. The following recommendations were made: the holding ponds have turbidity guidelines/the affluent, that stormwater runoff plans must be followed post construction and the site monitored because of potential runoff into the river, and LAC receive copies of the DES inspection reports. Consensus of members was to table making motion(s) until further discussion at the August 4 meeting. Charlie will provide the packet to Steve, Lisbon LAC member, to get input from him. Charlie will appoint a couple members to accompany he and Steve to do the on-site review.

Old Business

1. Leslie asked about the 604-B Funding Grant. Tara provided information about the grant and application deadline. The motion was made by Rick and seconded by Joan for the North Country Council to pursue the grant to assist LAC in doing a corridor survey for LAC's management plan. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. Leslie reported water testing has been done 2 times so far this season. Total phosphorus samples have been collected once so far at the 5 established locations for that data. VRAP has approved doing e.coli testing in 3 locations 3 times this summer. A tentative list of places to test was talked about. Marilyn would like to test e.coli upstream of the Bethlehem dam, where recreational swimming takes place. Leslie will check in with Jen Drociak, regarding possible funding for the 4th location.

New Business (none)

Adjournment

Joan made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick. Passed. Business portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Guest Lecture

Presented by Melissa Coppola, Environmental Information Specialist, NH Division Forest and Lands - National Heritage Bureau

Subject: Rare, Endangered and Threatened Species and Important Natural Communities

Melissa presented an overview of the 22 exemplary natural communities and natural community habitat systems found in the Ammonoosuc River Watershed and then provided details about the plants and natural land features found in each location. She described the role of the National Heritage Bureau as Inventory Investigation & Research, working with Non-Game Division, Conservation, and providing Information Resources. She discussed 42 endangered plants of which 29 are alpine or subalpine. The photographs, shown in the context of the natural communities, were excellent close-up images. The macro view along with highlights of the uniqueness of each plant facilitated species identification essential to the preservation of these rare, endangered and threatened species.

(Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m., after attendees had the opportunity to ask some questions)

Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade

[Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, August 4, 2010](#)

