

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll, and Coos County
Wednesday, August 3, 2011

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

Members Absent: (Haverhill) Michael King; (Coos County) Michael Waddell, John Scarinza

Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Ryan opened the meeting at 4:35 PM at the North Country Council in Bethlehem. Joan made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rick. Passed.

Correspondence

1. Announcements and Letters (none)
2. Incoming Permit Applications
 - File #2010-02887 NHDES Dredge & Fill Application NHDOT Route 302 Lisbon Minor Impact Project #16184 (1000 ft. permanent solution; 10 ft. impact wetlands) No change in proposed project from March when LAC replied to NHDOT's request for LAC's input on environmental concerns. Charlie will send the NHDES a copy of this letter, expressing our concerns.

Old Business

1. Renewal of LAC Appointments: Charlie communicated with Lisa Fortier to get update on members' term renewals. The final reappointment is now in the works. Confirmed all members needing term renewals at this time have been reappointed.
2. Northern Pass construction delay; in-service date has been modified from 2015 to 2016. Stop Northern Pass Signs and buttons available on August 6 at 17th Annual Triathlon (Mountain Biking, hiking, swimming) in Franconia; Orange Picnic Day location changed from Cannon Mt. to Artist Bluff August 13, rain date 14th.
3. Marilyn will contact Laura Weit-Marcum, in regard to item needed for Designated River Signs.
4. Leslie will be attending the Shoreland Advisory Committee Meeting on August 4, 2011. LAC members eagerly await issuance of the new rules.
5. Joan asked if there's been a reply to Tara's request for the 2011 unpublished J. Field Report for the DES, which LAC members have not seen. No reply to date.

New Business

1. Elective Ammo Projects: Joan suggested LAC consider doing one or more town projects listed in Dr. Field's Planning Guide. Charlie will send the list to the secretary to forward to the members. Rick said to send the list as a pdf.
2. Bullet format vs. letter format in comments to the DES: Joan suggested that comments be sent in bullet format to streamline the reply. Leslie urged us to keep it simple.
3. Town Issues

- Linda reported the Old Town Road project in Carroll has been completed.
 - Marilyn updated members about the repairs to the Prospect Street Bridge and status of the Bethlehem Transfer Station on 116; it opens August 19.
4. Other
- Rick participated in National Registry Fish Inventory Survey sponsored by NH F&G and TU. Brook Trout were observed in streams that flow into the Ammonoosuc River.
 - Joan suggested LAC evaluate culvert locations along the Ammonoosuc River that currently impede fish passage and look into replacement with open bottom culverts to facilitate fish migration when new installations are done. Errol said that plastic culverts fit better in streambed configurations and are easier to un-thaw. Water flows faster in plastic, whereas metal has a slower flow. He reported that there's a newly released edition of BMPs. Leslie suggested that LAC collaborate with allied groups interested in the same project(s).
 - Rick updated members about the Connecticut River Joint Commissions. A contract has gone to the Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to carry out the role previously held by Adair Mulligan. The plan is to subcontract out the post of running the Riverbend and Headwaters Meetings.
 - Leslie was contacted by White Mt. National Forest Pemigewasset District Ranger Molly Fuller to ask if LAC is interested in collaborating with the Crawford Stewardship Project's watershed protection initiatives. Members expressed their interest and support. Motion was made by Joan, seconded by Rick for Charlie to send a letter of support and offer assistance. Passed. Leslie will draft the letter.

Adjournment

Joan made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Marilyn. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade

[Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, September 7th](#)