

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes

Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll, Coos County Unincorporated Places

Wednesday July 6, 2011: North Country Council Office, Bethlehem, NH

Members in Attendance: (Haverhill) Bill Harris, (Haverhill) Michael King, (Bath) Rick Walling, (Littleton) Charlie Ryan, (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson, (Carroll) Leslie Bergum, Joan Karpf, (Coos County Unincorporated Places) Michael Waddell. Tara Bamford, North Country Council Staff.

Members Absent: (Landaff) Erroll Peters, (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman, (Littleton) Jessica Willis, Connie McDade, (Carroll) Linda Dowling, (Unincorporated Places) John Scarinza,

The meeting is being recorded by equipment provided by Charlie Ryan to be used for reference if necessary. Leslie Bergum volunteered to take the minutes. Charlie Ryan opened the meeting at 4:30pm at the North Country Council Office in Bethlehem, NH.

Review and approval of minutes: Michael King made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2011 meeting as written, seconded by Bill Harris. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Michael King, Treasurer, passed out balance sheet as of July 6, 2011. Total liabilities and equity is \$936.90. Lisbon has still not paid. Michael Waddell gave the letter to Coos County. Charlie Ryan is pursuing an attempt to get the \$50 from Littleton for 2010.

Announcements and Letters: Charlie Ryan reviewed letters from Steve Couture, Ted Walsh and Jen Drociak regarding changes at NHDES now that the budget bill passed. Charlie reviewed a letter (e-mail) sent to Jacquie Colburn by Connie McDade on behalf of the Ammo LAC welcoming her as the new Rivers Coordinator. This letter also included the biennial report that was required per the new statutes.

Incoming Permit Applications:

1. Parkview Mobile Home Park/Hidden Hills, Littleton, NH. This is an after the fact Alteration of Terrain permit. Deadline for comment is July 22, 2011. This is an area that was previously subdivided. Discussion took place about adherence to all specs as outlined in the application regarding storm water run-off, and erosion control before, during, and after construction; as well there be no increase in impervious surface of 20% as outlined. Charlie Ryan will draft letter to be sent.

2. Crosstown Motors, Littleton, NH. Standard Wetland Dredge and Fill Application. This is a clean out of the existing ditch that has become silt ridden in over the years. Discussion took place and the LAC members have no concern with the project as presented.

Old Business: Northern Pass. Michael King updated the group that the Department of Energy (DOE) needs to hire a company to do an environmental impact and scoping of the alternative route.

New Business:

The Ammo LAC Biennial Report was submitted by Connie McDade to Jacquie Colburn.

Dr. John Field Fluvial Geomorphic Study: Discussion took place regarding the extensive document that was put forth by Field Geology Services. Tara Bamford will summarize the comments and submit a letter which brings the message that the Ammo LAC would like to see the actual Fluvial Geomorphic Study Report before commenting on the plan.

Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge: Leslie Bergum informed the group that an additional

510 acres was added to the Pondicherry Division of the Refuge, 380 being in the town of Carroll. This is the first land in Carroll included in the Refuge which currently has about 6,000 acres in the towns of Jefferson and Whitefield. None of the Refuge is in the Ammo Watershed but it is in the CT. River Watershed. Leslie Bergum also informed the members about the WoW Express (Watershed on Wheels). The Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge partnered with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science to create this innovative traveling education trailer. It is designed to engage the public with the wonders of the Connecticut River Watershed and bring the splendor of the watershed directly to neighboring communities. Leslie Bergum with her Refuge connections will look into when the WOW Express will be in the area. This will be a great thing for the Ammo LAC to collaborate with. Bergum to also get the information to Walling for the CRJC/Riverbend Subcommittee.

Town Issues: 1. Marliyn Johnson shared an announcement about a program the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust is hosting in Sugar Hill on July 22, 2011. 2. NHDES signed off on the Bethlehem Seep clean- up project. 3. The Mt. Washington Hotel Entrance Bridge Project is complete. 4. Walling informed the members that Bath is coming along with their Taking Action for Wildlife Project . 5. As a member of the Shoreland Advisory Committee, Bergum updated the group that the content of SB154 was added to HB2 and passed. The Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act is now the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act and there are many changes. 6. Walling informed the group that the CRJC now has a budget under NHDES.

Joan Karpf brought up the topic of grants and other such funding opportunities. Karpf made a motion to give the subcommittee the authority to pursue available grants. Michael Waddell seconded, motion passed.

Adjournment: Leslie Bergum made a motion to adjourn, Rick Walling seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Bergum in the absence of Connie McDade, Secretary

Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday August 3, 2011