

**Ammonoosuc River Meeting Minutes**  
**Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, and Carroll**  
Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Members in Attendance: Michael King, Bill Harris (Haverhill), Rick Walling (Bath), Charlie Ryan, Connie McDade (Littleton), Leslie Bergum (Carroll)

Absent: Steve Jesseman (Lisbon), Jessica Willis (candidate member, Littleton), Marilyn Johnson, Torrey McMillan (Bethlehem), Joan Karpf (Carroll)

Guest: Tara Bamford, North Country Planner

**Review and Approval of August and September Minutes**

1. Charlie opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. with a quorum of 6 members present. Leslie made the motion to approve the August minutes as written; seconded by Charlie. Passed
2. Leslie proposed editing out the second to the last sentence under New Business #1 in the September minutes. Rick made the motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Michael. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Michael provided a 2-page treasurer's report, showing profit & losses with itemization of the balance. Direct Public Support Income of \$300 has been received with \$13.10 spent, leaving a balance of \$286.90 in the account. Charlie was asked to send an invoice to Landaff for \$50.

**Correspondence**

Incoming Permit Applications

1. Received a revised seep restoration plan submitted by NCES in Bethlehem to the DES.
2. Ray Lobdell provided LAC with a copy of a revised surveyor map of Littleton's Riverwalk sent to the DES. The map key shows the walkway has been moved from the roadway to the riparian buffer area in front of the Riverglen. CSPA regulations and the need for CSPA application for walkway construction in buffer area to be determined upon review by DES. Details were not provided about the walkway's composition being pervious or impervious.

**Old Business**

1. Status of New Members (total number of members is now 10; quorum remains 6)
  - ❑ Haverhill – Bill Harris officially became a new ARLAC member. He has been removed from the list of Associate Members.
  - ❑ Bath – Dennis Solinsky has resigned.
  - ❑ Landaff – Errol Peters has been nominated
  - ❑ Lisbon – Charlie spoke with Regan Pride. Duncan McKee has been nominated.
  - ❑ Littleton – Leslie will check if nomination form for Jessica Willis has been sent in.
  - ❑ Carroll – Town govt. received letter and nomination forms for 3 new members. Question if letter only intended to appoint member for unincorporated area, following designation of Upper Reach. Leslie sent Mary Sloat an e-mail message, asking if she had received any communication. Tara Bamford will follow-up why 3 nominees were requested when 2 of LAC's most actively participating members have unexpired terms.
2. Connie suggested LAC members double check with their respective town that the date for Dr. Field to meet with their Boards is same as shown on ARLAC's list so no snafus occur.
3. Tara went over the River Management Plan Issues List. Ideas were contributed by members and incorporated into the listing. There will not be a subcommittee meeting in October. The goals list will be discussed at the upcoming meeting in November.

4. Discussed getting a letterhead with ARLAC graphic logo; action postponed for now.
5. Michael talked about need to change LAC Bylaws to have a set quorum of 5. (Nov. agenda)
6. Rick reported on gold mining in the river, resulting in gasoline entering the river. In addition, hydraulic mining of the bank is causing erosion. Officer Dennis MacKay notified the DES. It would be helpful if ARLAC received State issued permits. Specific river permits versus roving permits were discussed. Need to put item on November agenda.
7. Rick reported that Adair sent out a press release about Dr. Field's September 22 presentation, which included input from ARLAC.
8. Rick was named a member of the Ammonoosuc River Advisory Committee/Geomorphic Assessment.
9. Did not discuss ARLAC's Policy for Review of Applications because Michael King had to leave and no longer had a quorum present.
10. Connie was given approval to make use of a form letter for resignation for any members who do not send a letter of resignation to the officials, as requested.
11. Discussed changes to stream crossing regulations. Public Hearing in Lancaster will take place on November 9. Public Hearing in Plymouth is scheduled for November 10. Rick will provide Connie with e-mail information update to be sent to members.
12. Record for Biennial Report was passed around the table for members to fill in their September hours.

#### **New Business**

1. Leslie brought it to the attention of LAC members that wetland impact and culvert work has been done on Old Town Road in Carroll without any permitting. A DES compliant agent is currently working on it.
2. Time ran out to talk about contributing information to an article into the SPNHF Forest Notes Publication about the designation of the Ammonoosuc River. (Put on November agenda)

#### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade*

[Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, November 4, 2009](#)