

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee(LAC) Meeting Minutes

Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Meeting called to order: 4:40 pm at the Senior Center in Littleton. Connie McDade presided until Chairman Chris Hodge arrived. There was a quorum.

Members in Attendance: (Haverhill) Bill Harris; (Landaff) Errol Peters; (Littleton) Chris Hodge: Chairman, Connie McDade; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson; (Carroll) Joan Karpf.

Members Absent: (Landaff) Marilyn Booth; (Bath) Rick Walling; (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman; (Littleton) Jessica Willis .

Review and Approval of August 3, 2016 minutes: Bill made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Marilyn J seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Errol abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Jessica e-mailed the report. There were no transactions since the last meeting. The balance as of 9/7/2016 is \$1,169.68. Errol motioned to receive the treasurer's report as stated and to place it on file. Marilyn J. seconded. Motion approved.

Preliminary Presentation for Minimum Impact Project and Subdivision in Bethlehem:

Property owner Mr. Richard Gould and his Surveyor Tom Smith, presented a subdivision for Map 420/Lot 4.2 off of Route 302 and along the Ammonoosuc River in Bethlehem. His project was presented to the Bethlehem CC for an expedited review on a Minimum Impact app for a driveway through a wetland on a potential subdivided lot. The proposal is for 5 new house lots, 4 under 5 acres and 1 under 7. Mr. Smith stated that when you create a lot size under 5 acres the State gets involved because they have their own minimum lot size relative to water and septic. It's called lot loading capacity. Part of their minimum size means you can't count wetlands, and you can't count steep slopes which is anything excess of 35%.

The topography for the shared driveway has been done by the engineer. It will not be a defined as a road. There will be an application for a shoreland permit. The Minimum Impact permit is for a residential driveway crossing through a wetland on a proposed lot. The house sizes will be between 1900 and 2700 sq. ft. The anticipated time of construction is Spring 2017. A Property Owner Association will be formed to maintain the shared driveway. Access from the house lots to the River will not be simple however, there is a common drive down to the River that the residents will have access to. They have not been to the Planning Board yet. The shared driveway is 20 feet wide. There were questions regarding width of the shared driveway coming off of Route 302 and State law regarding houses being built on streets. (RSA 674:41) Discussion

followed. Plans were left for review. Committee members are welcome to view the property on September 13 at 5:15pm along with the Bethlehem CC.

Correspondence

Announcements and Letters

Chris sent an e-mail to Tracie Sales regarding the status of the after the fact permit for the project at Fosters Crossroads in Carroll. No response to the e-mail has been received at this time. Before and after pictures were shown of the work on the property. Besides the excavation of subsurface tanks, a new larger canopy was constructed over the replaced pumps and a new canopy was constructed over the newly placed pumps. A propane tank was stationed close to the edge of the property and additional cement and asphalt was laid under the new pump area. There had been no Shoreline Application for the project at the time of the initial excavation and construction and no after the fact application since. An e-mail dated May 3, 2016 stated that Jeffrey Blecharczyk had inspected the project and he expected that we would receive an after the fact permit at some point. There has been no update on the status of this inspection. RSA 482-A:3 I(d)(2) States that the applicant shall provide written notice of the proposed project and the notice shall be sent by certified mail or other delivery method that provides proof of receipt. Furthermore, recent activity on the property has been documented showing a backhoe digging a large hole marked off by yellow tape and within the Shoreline protected area.

RSA 483 confirms applications will continue to be sent to LACs in a timely fashion.

Instream flow rules are still a work in progress. No dramatic change in next three sections of rules expected. The next public meeting in late September or early October. No dates yet.

NH Method for Evaluating Wetlands Workshop, 9/23/16 from 8AM-12noon in Concord;
10/7/16 from 9AM-3:30PM in Allenstown; cost \$40 for each workshop.

Statute changes for RSA 483 were discussed. Connie suggested reviewing our bylaws to coincide with the changes.

Applications:

File #2016-02398 Minimum Impact Application to dredge an intake pipe in the Ammo that feeds the snowmaking pond at the Omni ski resort in the Town of Carroll. At this time we have not received notification by certified mail from the applicant or a copy of the application to be able to review. Discussion followed. Chris will contact Mr. Craig Rennie .

Old Business

- Charlie's records of 2008-2016 were passed over to Chris.
- Northern Pass application has been determined incomplete because the applicants are still studying exactly where the buried portions will be.
- Chris stated the cofferdam was first proposed but the application stated it was a form of cofferdam.

New Business:

Discussion included consideration of updating the management plan.

Jessica Willis will follow up on her membership renewal otherwise membership is up to date..

With no further business before the ARLAC, Bill made a motion to adjourn. Connie seconded the motion. Motion was approved . Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Karpf