

## **Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee(LAC) Meeting Minutes**

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

Wednesday, February 3 ,2016

Meeting called to order: 4:35 pm at the Senior Center in Littleton.

Members in Attendance: (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman; (Landaff) Marilyn Booth, Errol Peters; (Bath) Rick Walling; (Littleton) Chris Hodge: Vice Chairman, Connie McDade, Jessica Willis ; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson; (Carroll) Joan Karpf.

Members Absent: (Haverhill) Bill Harris; (Lisbon) Rosalind Page; (Littleton) Charlie Ryan: Chairman.

**Review and Approval of January minutes:** Marilyn Johnson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Marilyn booth seconded. Minutes were approved. Errol Peters abstained since he was not present at that meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessica reminded the Committee that the balance as of January 6 was \$1,403.35. On January 13, she paid the Littleton Senior Center \$120.00 for the yearly use of the building. The balance as of February 3, 2016 is \$1,283.35. Rick submitted an invoice of \$13.67 for the purchase of a battery charger and batteries for the secretary's recorder which had been voted on at a previous meeting. Connie reminded Chris to sign the bank card so his signature could be used on our checks.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Announcements and letters**

**Reply from Pamela Monroe, SEC Administrator:** Connie stated that she has not heard from Pamela since our last letter confirming our request. Connie stated that further investigation found a certified letter along with an AOT application back in October which the members did not review. Connie passed around an abridged , pertinent copy of the AOT for viewing. Connie stated that the document has stormwater management plans for the transition stations. She said she couldn't however find stormwater management plans specific to the Ammo crossing. She also read from the LAC's guidelines for Shoreland Protection and it does state the project must have a stormwater management plan. Discussion followed regarding impervious area figures and disturbance area. Rick requested that a chronological list of the correspondence for NP be attached to the minutes. It was decided that if a response came from SEC prior to our next meeting , a letter of acknowledgement of receipt would be sent and further discussion on our next step will be discussed at our next meeting. However, if an immediate response is

necessary, in following through with our bylaws, the Bethlehem representative, through our Corresponding Secretary, may respond.

**LAC Members Update:** Connie informed the Committee that Rosalind Paige will not be renewing her membership. Connie encourages each Town to seriously begin finding new members since some of our present members are not considering renewing their membership.

Connie informed us of a regional workshop on Taking Action for Wildlife. Several dates are available in locations around the State. The habitat maps have been updated. The flyer was passed around.

The Committee reviewed wetland permit file no. 2015-02621 from Rolf/Sonia Zuk located at 940 River Rd, Lisbon. This was an after the fact removal of an old mobile home pad which was replaced with a new pad approximately 18 ft. further from the Ammo River. A letter stating we received the application and have no comment to be sent to DES.

Connie noted that the file of past applications for the Town of Lisbon has been passed on to Steve.

### **Old Business**

**Update on co-hosting presentation by Dr. Field:** Rick updated us with further information. The event is tentatively scheduled for the last 2 weeks in May. The estimated cost is \$700.00 to be covered by either a registration fee, a sponsor or a combination of both. Connie noted that the River Walk Event was scheduled around the same time so they maybe be interested in including it into their event. Discussion followed. Connie offered to connect with a member of the River Walk Committee to see if they have any interest.

**Grant Seeker Funding :** no further information.

**Mitigation and Enhancement Fund Grant Availability:** ( Rick Walling recused himself from the discussion) Connie informed the Committee that we received a request for a letter of support for the Ammonoosuc River Stream Crossing Assessment Project. ( ARSCAP) Discussion followed. Marilyn Johnson made a motion to write a letter of support. Errol seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Chris would draw up the letter and have it sent.

ACT requested 2 letters of support for MEF grants for a conservation easement on the 117 acre Lawrence property in the Town of Franconia and a conservation easement on the Brebner property in Bethlehem. Discussion followed. Joan made a motion to send the letters of support. Jessica seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**New Business:**

**Town Issues:** Possible future projects in Littleton along the Ammo were discussed.

Connie reminded the Committee that we were asked by the Public Access Advisory Board to participate in a survey to identify Public Access points along the Ammo. Discussion followed. Errol made a motion to not participate in the project. Marilyn Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Rick reminded the Committee about the 2016 Water and Watershed Conference to be held on March 18th at the Plymouth State University.

With no other business before the ARLAC, Chris made a motion to adjourn. Errol seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Joan Karpf