

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

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

Wednesday August 5, 2015

Meeting called to order: 4:30 pm at the Senior Center in Littleton.

Members in attendance: (Bath) Rick Walling, (Landaff) Marilyn Booth, (Lisbon) Rosalind Page, (Littleton) Charlie Ryan; Chairman, Chris Hodge, Connie McDade, (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson, (Carroll) Joan Karpf.

Members absent: (Haverhill) Bill Harris, (Landaff) Errol Peters, (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman, (Littleton) Jessica Willis.

**June Minutes:** After the Committee reviewed the June minutes, Marilyn Johnson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Charlie seconded the motion. With no further discussion the minutes were approved. Rosalind, Connie and Marilyn Booth abstained.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessica's e-mail informed the Committee that she received and deposited the annual support from the Town of Bath. The balance, as of August 5, 2015 with the new deposit, is \$1253.35. Marilyn Booth motioned to accept the report. Rosalind seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The Committee requested an update on those Towns who are outstanding.

### **Correspondence:**

Connie requested a copy of the term of office dates from those members whose terms were recently renewed. She also suggested that we review the contact list and update if necessary. Chris updated the group on the Industrial Park project. He continued to express his concerns regarding the stormwater drainage which from his observation is resulting in a pool of water about three feet deep which was not there before the project. Charlie stated that the Town Planning Board had to modify the original plan because of water and drainage. Connie suggested that we keep documentation of the observations.

Charlie continued on to the Mill Street parking lot project that was presented to us at our June meeting. He stated that we have till the 28th of August to comment on the project. The proposed project was to repair a portion of an existing paved parking lot that was damaged by erosion. Perry Williams planned to install filter fabric to the eroded bank and place a covering of gravel fill, loam and erosion control matting. The project would then be completed with plantings for stabilization and aesthetics. In addition, 18 sq. ft. of pavement properly sloped to direct the stormwater into the existing basin would be installed. Discussion followed. Joan reminded the Committee that from a previous discussion we concluded that although the project would correct the immediate erosion problem the lack of stormwater management above the site would continue to be a problem. Charlie stated that the problem was also the velocity of the stormwater from main street. We were also aware that the stormwater went directly into the River from the catch basin without any type of filtration process. Rick stated that the method of filtration used is a silt trap. It was decided to support the project but draw up

a letter to DES regarding our concerns. Rick also suggested that the letter could be used as a means to gain grant money for a stormwater project in the area.

#### **Old Business:**

**Amendment of the Bylaws** Article IV for the Officers of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary under E describing the responsibilities of each position. Discussion followed. Joan motioned to insert the words Corresponding Secretary to replace the word Secretary in E of the Bylaws preceding the phrase " shall be responsible...". In addition, the words Recording Secretary will replace the word Secretary before the phrase " shall keep the minutes..." Marilyn Booth seconded the motion. The motion passed . The changes will not be made until our next meeting in September.

**Northern Pass:** Charlie presented the Committee with the Environmental Impact Statement document he received regarding Northern Pass. Marilyn stated that the Energy Committee suggested the project be underground. Connie included that there were other alternatives presented other than the initial plan.

#### **New Business:**

**Town Issues: ( Bethlehem)** NHDES Public Hearing held at Profile School on June 24th regarding the NCES Air Quality Permit to create a second flare. Aries Engineering of Concord NH analysis of NCES AoT permit application was provided to the Bethlehem Conservation Committee. Marilyn shared with the Committee the letter of response from CMA Engineers , who represent NCES, to NHDES Water Division addressing the additional information requested on the landfill expansion and alteration of terrain permit. The report was over 300 pages. Marilyn stated that the permit was granted.

Connie acknowledged Marilyn's recent donation of the Johnson/Clark Nature Reserve, a conservation easement, to SPNHF. Marilyn hopes that this will be an incentive to others, who may not have enough land for an easement on their own, to join possibly with their neighbors to form a combined land conservation easement.

Marilyn informed the Committee of a parcel of land along the Ammonoosuc that was in the process of becoming conservation land. Charlie followed up with a letter from Ray Lobdell requesting a letter of support for the preservation. The parcel is 203 acres with 4500 linear feet of frontage on the Ammonoosuc River. Following further discussion, Joan motioned to draw up a letter of support. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rick and Rosalind abstained.

Joan requested an update on permits that came after our June meeting for our records.

There was a revision to the Dollar Store permit in Lisbon. Rosalind, the Lisbon representative, was aware of the changes and felt it was an improvement from the River's point of view. She stated that there was an improvement to the detention basin . She also stated the project was made bigger.

No comment was sent on the application..

A standard dredge and fill application from Littleton was received by DES on 6/26/2015. The proposed project is at 106 Grove Street and involves adding fill to part of the wetland located behind the homeowner's house to create a larger lawn. Currently the edge of the wetland is 10 feet from the rear

of the home. The owner plans to fill approximately 50ft into the wetland impacting 5,350 sq.ft. Charlie was aware of the application and felt the proposal was of no concern. The homeowner was reclaiming the land that was being encroached by the wetland. No comment was sent on the application.

Marilyn updated us on the Bethlehem locations of Designated River signs. She stated that she finally met with the road agent to install the Ammo signs however he installed them in the wrong spots. Signs are located on Prospect St. and Wing Road however, Marilyn hopes to get the last of her signs installed in the right locations.

Rick requested a letter of support to expedite the reclaiming of a blowout that occurred in 2012 on the Simpson Property in Lisbon along the Ammonoosuc River. NRCS will fund it but they have to do the project before the end of the fiscal year. The project will involve filling in the blowout and doing extensive planting to secure and stabilize the bank. The timing of the project will be made with the eagle's nest in mind. Motion to send a letter of support was made by Chris. Seconded by Marilyn Booth. Motion passed. Rick volunteered to write the letter.

Marilyn Booth wanted the Committee to know that the sampling of brook trout in Mill brook was very impressive.

With no further business before the ARLAC, Marilyn Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm

Next meeting will be held on September 2, 2015 unless otherwise notified.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joan Karpf