

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

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

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Members in Attendance: (Bath) Rick Walling; (Landaff) Errol Peters; (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman; (Littleton) Charlie Ryan, Chris Hodge, Connie McDade; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson; (Carroll) Joan Karpf

Members Absent: (Haverhill) Bill Harris; (Landaff) Marilyn Booth; (Lisbon) Rosalind Page; (Littleton) Jessica Willis

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Ryan opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Senior Center, Littleton. Connie made correction to spelling of guest's name Zach LeBreux. Members concurred with Connie to delete hearsay information about inroads for LAC's participation in public education. Motion was made by Rick; seconded by Chris. Passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. Charlie went over Treasurer's Report e-mailed to members by Jessica. Balance in account is \$1221.16, the same as last month. Motion was made by Errol and seconded by Chris that the Treasurers Report be received, as presented. Passed. Charlie said he just received town dues from Littleton.
2. Charlie's participated in four NHDES telephone conference meetings held for LAC Chairmen that added up to 671 minutes with cost to Charlie of \$47.81 for which he would like to be reimbursed. Motion was made by Rick seconded by Marilyn to reimburse Charlie for the \$47.81. Passed.
3. Disbursement of \$120 for meeting place in Senior Center is due in December.
4. Budget for 2015 was discussed with following decision made: Administration: \$75, Education and Training \$25, Outreach \$25, VRAP \$75, Miscellaneous \$25, and annual donation to Senior Center for use of meeting place \$120 for total budget of \$345. Expected income from public support \$350. Joan made the motion to accept the new budget; seconded by Chris. Passed.
5. Charlie asked if any 2014 expenditures were being submitted for reimbursement. None were submitted.
6. Chris inquired if LAC would like to make a donation to Clean Water Healthy Trout Project in 2015. Project by NH Fish & Game, Ammonoosuc Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Plymouth State University, and ACT would take place at the following locations: Mill Brook, Lafayette Brook, Ammonoosuc River at Wing Road, and another stream in Franconia. Decision was to discuss this further at next meeting.

### **Correspondence**

1. Announcements and Letters
  - Members said island under covered bridge in Littleton is covered by snow and ice but as far as can be ascertained the brush piles have been removed.
  - Chairman Ryan received a letter from NHDES Commissioner Thomas Burack, expressing appreciation to LAC for working with the DES.
  - Discussed appeal to NHDES from Douglas Ingerson, Dalton. No comment.
  - Charlie said he received message from Jacquie Colburn, NHDES Rivers Coordinator, asking if there's any member, who would want to serve on Rivers Management Advisory Committee, as the new LAC Representative to replace Kathryn Nelson. Commissioner Burack needs to submit three nominees to the

Governor and Council. If interested, you would need to submit a brief description of your relevant background knowledge of river related issues, river management and protection to Jacquie by December 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Mary Boulanger, member of Littleton Conservations Commission told Charlie that the River District Redevelopment Committee would like a member of the Planning Board to serve on the committee. Charlie suggested they include a member of the Ammonoosuc River LAC, as well.

## 2. Incoming Applications

- Rotobec Wetland Permit Application: *Charlie sent LAC's comment that LAC has no concerns, as long as the plan is followed. He reported on the update that the storage bin would not be moved but instead would be taken down.*
- Dollar General Store project in Lisbon: *Steve discussed important features of the application with the members. Decision was for Charlie to send comments that LAC has no concern with this project but we would like to receive copies of maintenance inspections performed.*

## Old Business

- Northern Pass (members discussed vulnerability of project, as proposed to storm damage and electrical outages)

## New Business

1. Discussed phone conference capability during LAC meetings for members, who are unable to attend. Decision was made that this could be done, putting cell phone on speakerphone, however the option should be reserved for providing input about item(s) on the agenda or town issues and not to listen to the entire meeting. Option for speakerphone would need to be arranged with the chairman in advance of the meeting.
2. Town Issues (none)
3. Other
  - Rick attended the NHDES Workshop in Concord on November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Charlie reported the North Country Council is selling their building at the Rock's Estate and need to find another location to meet and work. Steve said the Boys and Girls Club in the back of the Evergreen Sports Center in Lisbon is looking for someone to rent their building, which offers large amount of room that likely would include office space and storage. Charlie added that the VA is moving its headquarters in Littleton but does not know how much space is available in the location being vacated.

## Adjournment

Errol made motion to adjourn, seconded by Marilyn. Passed. Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade*

[Next Meeting Date in 2015 to be announced](#)