

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll
Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Members in Attendance: (Haverhill) Bill Harris; (Bath) Rick Walling; (Landaff) Errol Peters; (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman; (Littleton) Charlie Ryan; Jessica Willis; Christopher Hodge; Connie McDade; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson

Members Absent: (Lisbon) Rosalind Page, (Landaff) Marilyn Booth

Guests in Attendance: Jennifer McCourt of McCourt Engineering, regarding NHDES File #140310-038 Application for Locke Gravel Pit AOT Permit/Presby Construction, Lisbon.

Chairman Charlie Ryan opened the meeting up at 4:35 p.m. at the Littleton Senior Center, welcoming Guest Jennifer McCourt, representing McCourt Engineering for Locke Project. The total area to be disturbed is 1,040,000 s.f.; Jennifer said the existing site is grandfathered. Current project is located in 2 areas. In going after best material, operation is set up to drain into itself and infiltrate into the ground, additional sediment pond was added, water bar in place and screener in crusher functioning effectively. Drainage directed into wetlands; there's a culvert to pond other side of RR tracks; sediment fore bays added.

Action: LAC will send letter to Ridge Mauck, NHDES Alteration of Terrain Inspector to say no concerns with the project.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Rick made the motion to approve the April minutes, seconded by Errol. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jessica reported a deposit of \$50 was received from Town of Bath/annual contribution, bringing the current balance to \$1,021.11.

Correspondence

1. Announcements and Letters
 - The nomination of Chris Hodge, Littleton as a new member has gone through. Renewal of terms for Charlie Ryan and Connie McDade also completed. Await letters of appointment for all 3 from NHDES Commissioner Thomas Burack.
 - Chairman Ryan said he spoke on phone with Jacquie Colburn to inquire about LAC's role, if urban exemption is granted for Littleton. She replied the Ammonoosuc River is the 1st designated river to apply for urban exemption. She will get back to him to answer his question.

2. Incoming Permit Applications
 - NHDES File: #DES-SW-SP-03-002 Type 1A Permit Application Bethlehem for North Country Environmental Services to add new capacity to landfill discussed. Draft letter read; members provided input to letter content.
Action: LAC to send letter of comments to NHDES. Deadline is May 19.

- NHDES File: #2014-00181 Application for Wetland Permit on Route 142, Bethlehem submitted by North of the Notch Land Co. to cross the wetlands in 2 locations (1,353 s.f. and 2,594 s.f. for a total of 3,947 s.f.) to reach buildable portion of pre-existing lot of record. Driveway entry determined by NHDOT.
Action: Members elected to send message to Sandra Mattfeldt, NHDES Wetlands Inspector to say that LAC has no comment at this time.
- NHDES File: #2014-00854 Application for Shoreland Permit by Lake Carolyn, Bretton Woods, Carroll received from Horizon Engineering for a new trail and new pedestrian bridge. Draft letter read. Members viewed plat and photos. Members approved of letter with the following:
“The Ammonoosuc River LAC does not support this proposed project, as presented. We strongly recommend NHDES conducts a site evaluation, as part of the permit process.”
Action: LAC comments and photos to be sent to Horizons Engineering with CC to Craig Day, NHDES Shoreland Inspector and Darlene Forst, NHDES Shoreland Supervisor within next couple of days.
- NHDES File: #2014-00842 Application for Wetland Permit on Route 302, Lisbon for culvert and stream restoration on conservation land in ACT wildlife management area received from Ray Lobdell, CWS. The culvert is plugged. Rick informed the members about the project. Members approve of the project. Connie suggested sending the following comments; members concurred:
“LAC supports the Wetland Application by ACT to do the project in Lisbon along the Ammonoosuc River and Hanno Pond. Restoration and stabilization of the site will improve surface and groundwater quality, provide flood control, and enhance wildlife habitat. Stepping stones would allow foot access.”
Action: LAC to send comments to Sandra Mattfeldt, NHDES Wetlands Inspector with Cc to Ray Lobdell, CWS.
- NHDES File: #2014-00447 Amendment to Dredge & Fill Modification of culvert at Palmer Brook, Littleton due to underground utilities, sewer line, fiberoptic cable. Plan to put in 6” invert, rip rap, 1 or 2 arch culverts, and low perch on one side for fish passage.
Action: LAC to send comment, saying LAC comments were sent about this project 7/11/2012. Only additional comment to add would be to be sure the design element of culvert allows for unobstructed fish passage with adequate water flow to keep water on the bottom surface inside the culvert even at times of seasonal low flow.

Old Business

Northern Pass (NP)

1. Charlie said the DOE issued Environmental Impact Statement May 2014 lists 21 alternatives for Northern Pass, based on scoping hearings.

2. It's been reported that Vermont Governor Shumlin said Vermont would help New Hampshire find a more environmentally sensitive route for NP.

*FYI: Three **buried** HVDC transmission projects are in various stages of planning in Vermont - Grand Isle Intertie, the Hertel Interconnection, and New England Clean Power Link - with a possible fourth by Northeast Utilities itself just revealed.*

New Business

Town Issues (Bath): Rick reported they are still working on the Bath bridge.

Adjournment

Steve made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Rick. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade

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