

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll
Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Members in Attendance: (Haverhill) Bill Harris; (Bath) Rick Walling; (Littleton) Charlie Ryan, Chris Hodge, Connie McDade; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson

Nominated Candidate in Attendance: (Carroll) Joan Karpf

Members Absent: (Landaff) Errol Peters, Marilyn Booth; (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman, Rosalind Page; (Littleton) Jessica Willis

Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Ryan opened the meeting at 4:46 p.m. at the Senior Center in Littleton. Rick made the motion, seconded by Marilyn to approve the May minutes as written; passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jessica provided members with a written report that LAC received annual contribution of \$50 from four towns for total of \$200. Balance on June 4 is \$1,221.11. Bill made motion that the report be accepted, as presented. Seconded by Chris. Passed. Letter was received from Lisbon Board of Selectmen that denied request for 2014 contribution and asked LAC to formally request dues for 2015, during their upcoming budget process. Charlie said he would send letter to each town's select board in September/October.

Correspondence

1. Announcements

- Charlie welcomed Joan Karpf, nominated by Carroll Board of Selectmen to be a LAC member. Joan was a member of the Ammonoosuc River Corridor Advisory Committee in 2004 that did the original assessment of the Ammonoosuc River Corridor. She served on the Ammonoosuc River LAC for 5 years from the time it first met in January 2008.
- Charlie reported that Chris received a letter of appointment from NHDES Commissioner Thomas Burack. Charlie and Connie received letters for renewal of their terms. Expiration of all the terms will be May 8, 2017.
- Charlie said he received a phone call from NHDES Rivers Coordinator, Jacquie Colburn, communicating further about the approval of Shoreland Application for the Bretton Woods (BW) project before date of deadline for comments. Rick made the motion seconded by Chris for LAC to send a letter to NHDES Commissioner Thomas Burack, expressing concern about the premature approval of BW Shoreland Permit, which did not take into account LAC's substantive comments provided within the prescribed time limit; Cc to Jacquie Colburn, NHDES Rivers Coordinator and to Kathryn Nelson, LAC Representative on Rivers Management Advisory Committee. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Charlie announced LAC would not be meeting on July 2. Members were asked to note this change on the meeting list posted in their town office. If need to review incoming application(s), Charlie will schedule a meeting, tentatively for July 9th.

- Charlie shared the Caledonian Record May 31st write-up about Errol Peters and Ben Peters. The Northeastern Loggers Association honored Peters with the 2013 Outstanding Logging Operator Award. The award was also reported on in the Littleton Courier, B-6.
 - Joan informed members about the 1st Annual Riverflow Event planned in Littleton for May 2015, as an opportunity for LAC educational booth. Jessica to communicate with a member of the town committee working on the project.
 - Rick reported on Trout Unlimited Clean Water Healthy Trout event of June 13 in Franconia and annual picnic on September 12th. Rick said landowners are being contacted along the Ham Branch of the Gale River to ask them to consider putting conservation easements on their property.
 - Connie told members about Coos County Conservation District Event on July 29th in Lancaster to meet the new Executive Director of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, Nik Coates. Connie will send detailed info to members for this event and for the 2 events listed above.
 - Charlie reported that Rotobec Manufacturing in the Industrial Park will be enlarging their building and will be providing 19 additional parking spaces. Tender Corporation wants to move behind the Transfer Station. These projects are not expected to impact the river.
2. Incoming Permit Applications (none)
 3. The Following Applications Were Approved by DES:
 - File: 140310-038 Alteration of Terrain Project/Locke Gravel Pit (Lisbon)
 - File: 2014-00181 Standard Dredge& Fill/North of the Notch Land Co. for driveway to existing house lot (Bethlehem)
 - File: 2014-00842 Expedited Dredge& Fill Application/restoration project by Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (Lisbon)
 - File: 2014-00447 Std. Dredge& Fill Minor Impact DOT project included installation of concrete inverts in twin arch pipes and accommodation of low flow fish passage in Palmer Brook on Route 116 (Littleton).
 4. Other (Online info)
 - Type V Permit /Landfill Modification (Bethlehem): letter dated 5/23/14 from North Country Environmental Services to NHDES Waste Management Division requested a Type V Permit Modification to destroy all paper scale records to include and precede those date June 1, 2007 with the records to be shredded and recycled summer of 2014 due to lack of storage space. (Reference: IISProxy.dll destroy records.pdf)

Old Business

- Northern Pass
 Connie said it was reported in Concord Monitor that the “NECP (New England Clean Power) link filed for a Presidential Permit on May 20th to include 100 miles underwater, 50 miles under state roads with a predicted completion date of 2019.”

New Business

1. Town Issues

- Littleton Urban Exemption
Charlie reported Ray Lobdell, CWS submitted info to DES to appeal the 4-lots in middle of the river district not being included in the Exemption Category.
- Storage of Asphalt in Littleton
Discussed historical trend to store reclaimed asphalt near the river. Leaching into the river is a concern. Charlie will check on asphalt storage regulations and report back to us at the next meeting.
- Storage of old cement debris near the river, circa 1910, is another issue to be aware of because back then cement contained asbestos.

2. Keeping Track of Applications Received by NHDES

- Charlie will provide all members with the weekly list the DES sends him each Friday so we know what's in the works before application is provided to LAC by project engineer or by the NHDES.

Adjournment

Rick made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Chris. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade

[Next Meeting Date to be Announced](#)