

Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll
Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Members in Attendance: (Haverhill) Bill Harris; (Landaff) Errol Peters; (Littleton) Charlie Ryan, Jessica Willis, Chris Hodge, Connie McDade; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson; (Carroll) Joan Karpf

Members Absent: (Bath) Rick Walling; (Landaff) Marilyn Booth; (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman, Rosalind Page

Review and Approval of August Minutes

Chairman Ryan opened the LAC meeting at the Senior Center, Littleton at 4:30 p.m. Errol made the motion to approve the August minutes, seconded by Bill. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jessica provided a written report to members via e-mail; balance showed no transactions.

Correspondence

1. Announcements and Letters

- Chairman Ryan received a copy of notice from Brandon Cherry, FERC sent to James World, Bethlehem, notifying him the required report for hydro dam project was not filed by July 31st deadline. Permit suspended.
- Chris Hodge, LAC Representative attended the site visit for the Palmer Brook culvert project on August 20th. Matt Urban, NH DOT Wetland Specialist set up the gathering to include John Magee, NH Fish & Game Fish Habitat Biologist, Diane Timmins, NH Fish & Game Cold Water Fisheries Biologist, and LAC. Chris observed the multi-tiered retaining wall of about 25' that had been constructed instead of the authorized riprap of 10'. Trees had been cut and there were no structures installed relevant to fish passage. John Magee made it known that vegetation would need to be planted of height that would shade the entire width of the stream. River rock needs to be put in to allow fish to pass through the culvert. Chris said those present observed BKT fry in the brook above the culvert area. The NH DOT will have to pay \$10K fee into ARM-fund mitigation. The deadline for remediation of planting vegetation was Friday, August 29th but no action has been observed to date. Chris collaborated with Diane Timmins and John Magee about overseeing rectification of the infractions in a timely manner at this is the time of year when spawning season begins. NH F& G is writing a letter to Matt Urban to address the delay in providing adequate fish passage and protection.
- Phone conference initiated by DES took place on August 27th in response to LAC letter to DES about the island in Littleton that was bush hogged. Participants included NHDES Rivers Coordinator Jacquie Colburn, Jeff Blecharczyk, CWS, NHDES Wetlands Bureau and LAC Chairman Ryan. Charlie was informed the case remains open until damage has been repaired. Chairman Ryan will send a letter to Collis G. Adams, CWS,

NHDES Administrator Wetlands Bureau to request a copy of Ron Murro's restoration plan for our records, including time table for completion.

2. Incoming Permit Applications (none)

Old Business

1. Northern Pass (discussed burial of lines)

New Business

1. Application Review and Comment
 - Chairman will notify the DES of LAC's intention to comment on an application upon receiving it.
 - The chairman will schedule an additional monthly meeting to review an application, if an application for project is received with inadequate time for full review and comment in context of regular monthly meeting date. Deadline date shown on the permit notification list and the date of receipt posted on the DES website should be the same; otherwise notify the DES.
2. Town Issues
 - Bethlehem
Marilyn reported on the DES approval that was granted for Stage V Expansion of NCES Landfill, Bethlehem.
 - Carroll
Joan informed us about 2 projects under consideration:
Carroll Water System Project to drill a pipe under the Ammonoosuc River in area of Fosters and Catholic Church
and
Construction of Fire Police Safety Complex (location to be determined)
3. Wild and Scenic Film Festival, Saturday October 11, 2014 at 7PM at the Colonial Theater, Bethlehem
Chris told members about this event. Marilyn provided additional information. It is said to be one of the premier film festivals, A Benefit for Clean Water-Healthy Trout Joint Project of Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, NH Fish and Game, Plymouth State University Center for Rural Partnerships, and the Ammonoosuc Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Tickets \$10; tickets including LAC membership \$30. Chris and Marilyn plan to attend. Perhaps other LAC members can also attend.

Adjournment

Errol made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris. Passed. Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade

[Next Meeting Date To Be Announced](#)