

**Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes February 23, 2012**

Nottingham Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

members present: Emily Schmalzer (Brentwood), Dick Snow (Candia), Dick Lord (Durham), Jenn Rowden (Epping), Todd Piskovitz (Exeter), Jere Freeman and Sharon Meeker (Lee), Alison Watts (Newfields), Michelle Daley and Peter Wellenberger (Newmarket), Mike Russo (Nottingham), Jim Hadley (Northwood), Pat Bower and Kathleen Hoelzel (Raymond)

total towns: 11 total members: 14 Quorum? Yes

excused absence: Wes Golomb, Joe Foley, Fred Lindahl, Ted Janusz, Mike Kappler, Bonnie Winona MacKinnon

absent: Ellen Conklin, Steve Conklin, Harriet Cady, Bill Hall, Jim Hewitt, Rich Kelley, Kitty Miller

guests:

Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2012

**Emily Schmalzer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Russo seconded. Motion passed with 12 yes votes and 2 abstentions.**

Sub-committee reports:

outreach:

- The Lamprey River Film Festival will take place February 26, 3-5, at the Durham Recreation Building.
- Initial talks have taken place to plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new fish ladder at Wiswall Falls in Durham. Co-sponsors will be NH Fish and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, and Durham. Possible date in June.
- Plans are under way for a family river fun day May 20 at Epping's Mary Blair Park. Activities will include short walks to explore the shore, the flood plain, and the newly-removed dam; wildlife ambassadors from the Center For Wildlife in York, ME; participatory water quality testing demonstrations; and pelts and rubber scat models to explore.
- The Lamprey River Curriculum is being revised and will be ready for kid testing soon. Sharon Meeker asked for names of teacher volunteers to try it out.

project review:

- The subcommittee members are currently: Pat Bower, Michelle Daley, Joe Foley, Sharon Meeker, Todd Piskovitz, and Jenn Rowden. Dick Snow attended the last meeting, also.
- Sharon handed out preliminary project review procedures to the full committee so that all members could understand the process. Concern was raised that one person, Sharon, is responsible for receiving application packets and initiating project review. A back-up process was requested for mailed applications. Sharon

will look into a process. Suzanne Petersen was requested to set up an e-mail notification system to alert all project review sub-committee members when an electronic notification is sent by NHDES. If and when complete applications are received electronically, interested committee members will be referred to a link on the website.

- For this first round of project review, letters were shared with the full committee and comments were requested and discussed. Most members agreed that more specific comments and suggestions for Best Management Practices should be included when feasible. The two projects, Exeter Hospital Medical Office Building in Epping and Buckingham Farms subdivision in Epping, were discussed. Pat Bower, Sharon Meeker, and Suzanne Petersen will create final drafts and both letters will be shared with the rest of the committee.

**Dick Lord made a motion that the amended letters be approved and sent to the appropriate recipients. Dick Snow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### Vision discussion:

Sharon handed out a draft vision. The committee went through each paragraph and offered suggestions. The suggestions will be incorporated and sent out again to all members. Feedback to Sharon is requested before the next meeting.

#### Management Plan:

The group agreed that using the current plan is a good start and it can be built on. It was noted that a nitrogen management plan will be required in the near future by DES and/or EPA. How and to whom that work will be assigned is not known. Members agreed that nitrogen pollution should be addressed and the rivers management plan would be a good opportunity to address it as a watershed. Other opportunities lie in encouraging collaboration with the UNH Stormwater Center, making use of climate change studies and consequences, and working on a build-out analysis for future growth.

For the next meeting, members are asked to review the 2007 Update to the Management Plan and offer suggestions about what is missing, especially upriver. Members from each town are asked to review the nomination packet and other sources, and look for unique town attributes that need to be addressed.

#### Miscellaneous:

- The group agreed that having a logo for the committee would be a good idea. Todd Piskovitz will ask a friend with graphic design skills, if willing, to craft a logo and/or letterhead for the group to use.
- Members also suggested coming to the next meeting with suggestions for a tag-line --- a short statement that personifies the intent of the LRAC. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- Jenn Rowden noted that some people had expressed confusion about some new procedures at DES. There are no changes in what local advisory committees review, but there is a change in the forms that DES requires that applicants submit. Sharon Meeker noted that Jacquie Colburn had sent her a letter explaining the changes and pointing to information on the three most common permit types the LRAC is asked to comment on. She will forward Jacquie's message containing this information to the LRAC.
- The LRAC has requested that a short nitrogen presentation be a part of the agenda and Michelle Daley offered to do so. Other topics for meeting presentations include: climate change, flood plain mapping changes, Shoreland Protection changes, etc.

Adjournment: Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Pat Bower seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.