

Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019
7:00 P.M. Lee Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED MAY 21, 2019 with amendment

representatives present: Al Hall (Candia), Anne Lightbody, Dick Lord (Durham), Kitty Miller, Jason Settineri (Lee), Jerry Martin (Newmarket), Therese Thompson (Nottingham), Carolyn Matthews (Raymond)

staff present: Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

guests: Ric Raymond, John Wallace, Peter Sawtell

Meeting began at 7:05.

summary of motions:

Al Hall made a motion to approve the proposed FY2020 budget with two amendments: 1. Reduce the land protection specialist line from \$14,000 to \$9,000 and 2. Increase the community grants line from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Carolyn Matthews seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Canoe Passage Enhancement Project Wrap-up with Colin Lawson, Trout Unlimited:

Key lessons, take-aways:

- The Lamprey River is very dynamic. Flows vary widely from 4 cf/s to over 8000 cf/s. The water moves a lot of wood: jams form, break up, and move.
- The crew worked on 16 obstacles/jams on 5 miles. Clearings were created to accommodate 100 cf/s flow and affected 1/3 of stream channel at most. Each site had unique issues. Two sites were left untouched, so portages are still required.
- All wood cleared for canoe passage was placed back in the stream nearby. The shore was not disturbed. A wetland permit was not required.
- Paddlers should expect more wood over time. A newly fallen tree was reported in early April. Paddlers should not expect to traverse this section without portaging or maneuvering around some obstacles.
- Continued oversight and management of instream wood was recommended.

approval of minutes from March 19, 2019:

Al Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Therese Thompson seconded. Minutes were approved with 3 yes votes and 4 abstentions.

financial report:

Year-to-date budget, account reconciliation, and land protection account records were reviewed. No issues were identified.

FY2020 proposed budget:

Draft budgets and line-item descriptions were shared and discussed. **Al Hall made a motion to approve the proposed FY2020 budget with two amendments: 1. Reduce the land protection specialist line from \$14,000 to \$9,000 and 2. Increase the community grants line from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Carolyn Matthews seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

workgroup updates: See attached notes at end.

LRWA update: Nothing to report.

proposed amendments to bylaws:

Following last month's motion to amend the bylaws to allow direct appointment by the towns, it was noted that all proposed amendments to the bylaws must be presented in writing, which was not done. The bylaws were reviewed and several updates and amendments were presented in writing for the committee's consideration. After much discussion, the following amendments were recommended. Deleted text is crossed out and new text is in capital letters. A vote to amend the bylaws as presented will take place in May.

- Add AMENDED JULY 24, 2014 and AMENDED May 21, 2019 to the top of page 1.
- Article II-B (4) Assist in the implementation of the current Lamprey Rivers Management Plan developed pursuant to RSA 483:10 adopted by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee on 01/10/1995, and updated 11/2007, AND ANY UPDATES THERETO.
- Article III-A ~~The Commissioner shall appoint the Committee according to RSA 483:8-a.~~ MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 483:8-A.
- Article III-B ~~The Commissioner shall appoint at least one person, but no~~ NO MORE THAN FOUR MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE FROM any of the municipalities named in Article II B91) ~~to the Committee.~~ All members of the Committee shall be New Hampshire residents. In the event of a member's resignation, ~~the Commissioner shall appoint a new member based on the nomination(s) of~~ SHALL BE

APPOINTED TO REPRESENT the governing body of the resigning member's municipality.

- Article III-C The Committee shall be composed of ~~at least fourteen~~ members who represent a broad range of interests in the vicinity of the Lamprey Rivers watershed..... If an interest is not represented by the local governing bodies' nominations, ~~the Commissioner may appoint~~ a member from the vicinity of the Lamprey Rivers watershed MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III A ~~to the Committee~~ who will represent that interest.
- Article III-D Each member shall serve a term of three years and may be re-appointed for successive terms ~~by the Commissioner.~~
- Article III-E In the event that a member is absent from four or more consecutive meetings without excuse/notification, the Chairperson may request THE APPOINTMENT OF ANOTHER PERSON TO REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITY OR AREA OF INTEREST ~~that the member's municipality nominate another person to the Commissioner for appointment to represent their interests.~~
- Article VI-A Each person appointed IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III ~~by the Commissioner~~, including the Chairperson, shall be entitled to one vote and each member must be present to vote.
- Article VI-C A quorum is defined as at least SEVEN MEMBERS WITH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER EACH FROM five different MUNICIPALITIES ~~towns and at least seven representatives (Amended March 27, 2014)~~
- Article VII-A All meetings shall be open to the public and properly posted according to RSA 91-a. The Secretary shall notify all ~~representative towns~~ MUNICIPALITIES LISTED IN ARTICLE IIB(1) of the meetings.
- Article VII-B Regular meetings of the Committee will be held MONTHLY ON A PUBLICLY NOTICED RECURRING DAY OF EACH MONTH, OR AS AGREED UPON AT A PRIOR MEETING, PROVIDED THAT PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ALTERED MEETING DATE IS PROVIDED AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING ~~the fourth Thursday of each month or as agreed upon at a prior meeting.~~
- Article VIII-E (2) Its members shall consist of those Committee members appointed ~~by the Commissioner~~ under Article III A who ~~were chosen from lists of nominees submitted by~~ represent the local governing bodies of Durham, Epping, Lee, and Newmarket.

adjournment:

Jason Settineri made a motion to adjourn. Therese Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

ATTACHMENTS:

Outreach, Rec, History, Wildlife Workgroup Meeting Notes April 3, 2019

present: Dick Lord, Kitty Miller, Suzanne Petersen

rec map revision:

- Macallen Dam will be identified, but it will not be a park or kayak access anytime soon.
- Cathy A. is having difficulty with the SRPC land protection layers. The update to the land protection map has been authorized, but the rec map might need to go forward without this. The updated land protection map will at least be referenced in the revised rec map.

Rte. 87 signage:

- The size submitted on the Epping CC grant application was 44" x 60" and the estimated cost was \$403. The actual size is 54" x 66" and will cost \$825.42. The group decided to go with a smaller height of 47" to utilize standard material versus the oversized material.
- Late addition: Use of the photo of the children looking at wetland plants and ferns will cost \$100. Votes will be solicited about whether to use it or not.
- The canoe access sign is in progress.

vernal pool walk:

Scheduled for April 27 at Lubberland Creek.

community grant process:

An application was reviewed. Details on milestones, products, and budget were weak. The group agreed that the stated process is important and should be followed. Timeline and metrics will be suggested.

Thompson Forest kiosk:

Dick has noted fatigue with this project and feels it is time to step aside. He requested the outreach group assume responsibility for this project moving forward.

wildlife updates:

- Kitty requested a review of laws pertaining to beavers and dams.
- Kitty noted that eider ducks have been present on the river behind her house.
- The *Natural Areas Journal* is printing a series of articles about land protection considerations that she will share.
- Kitty found a hand drawn map by David Carroll indicating sites where he documented turtles and prime habitat. Suzanne will make a copy and keep for reference by the project review group.

Project Review Meeting Notes April 4, 2019

present: Joe Foley, Al Hall, Suzanne Petersen

Deerfield, 33 Hammond Road, shoreland:

- The applicant proposes to build an addition to an existing house on previously disturbed land in the state protected shoreland. The increase in impervious surface will be 440 square feet, increasing the percentage of impervious surface from 17.14% to 19.62%.
- Given the existing conditions on site and in the surrounding shoreland, we do not foresee any significant additional impacts to Freese's Pond. We do note that the septic system is

designed for two bedrooms and no additional bedrooms are allowed. We also note that the addition will have infiltration trenches to help minimize run-off.

Nottingham, Tax Map 6, Lot 22, alteration of terrain:

- The applicant proposes to create a 22-lot open-space subdivision served by two roads on 60 acres of land off of Route 4. Total disturbance is predicted to be 15.35 acres, with 2.78 acres of impervious surfaces. All proposed lots will be served by individual wells and septic systems.
- The application package did not have the Natural Heritage Bureau report, but it was noted that Blanding's turtles and spotted turtles were listed on the report. A wetlands permit is also needed for this project and we have not seen that yet.
- Several rain gardens are proposed to treat stormwater. Rain gardens require a high level of maintenance and expertise, activities not normally in the purview of landscaping services. We recommend that a suitably trained professional be identified and contracted to undertake routine inspections and maintenance of these areas as part of any permits issued. Consultation with the UNH Stormwater Center is recommended.

Newmarket, Macallen Dam, dam permit:

The weekly permit review report from NHDES indicated that a dam permit application has been submitted. We have reviewed the wetlands permit, but we have not seen the dam permit to date. Joe will contact NHDES to spur action.