

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

**Phone conference call convened under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A,
Emergency Order 2020 in light of COVID 19 pandemic.**

APPROVED MARCH 16, 2021

Summary of motions:

Dick Lord made a motion to transfer an additional \$15,000 to the land protection account, bringing the total transfer to \$50,000 for January through May in \$10,000 monthly increments. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05.

attendance:

John Wallace (Barrington), Joe Foley (Epping), Mary Ann Krebs, Dick Lord (Durham), Jason Settineri (Lee), Jerry Martin (Newmarket), Ann Scholz (Northwood), Therese Thompson (Nottingham)

staff: Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

approval of minutes from January 19, 2021:

Jason Settineri made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by a roll call.

project review:

Joe Foley received helpful information from the Merrimack River LAC on how it conducts project reviews. Joe will share with the committee.

financial status:

The year-to-date and bank statement were reviewed with no issues noted. The land protection sheet was not available and will be shared next month. **Dick Lord made a motion to transfer an additional \$15,000 to the land protection account, bringing the total transfer to \$50,000 for January through May in \$10,000 monthly increments. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.**

workgroup funding priorities for FY2022:

FY 2022 operating budget will probably be at least \$160,000, maybe up to \$165,000. Number should be firmed up by the March meeting.

- Let's increase the land protection line-item amount to \$45,000.
- A local birder who is helping the wildlife group plan its bird survey suggested that LRAC could pay farmers to hay their fields later to protect bobolinks. That might be a good use of LRAC's money if there's not land to buy. Mary Ann Krebs would like us to consider. She reported that the Newmarket CC had Matt Tarr speak and he noted massive decline of birds due to habitat loss. Dick Lord was hesitant about protecting non-riparian species.
- The rec group suggested upgrades to the Lee Canoe Launch. Explore slide first or use of a davit second. \$2000 already budgeted in FY2021.

- Water quality: As suggestion was made to anticipate on-going bacterial tracking for \$9000. There were questions about continuing to set aside \$5000 for LRWA volunteer testing. The water quality workgroup will be on hold until post-Covid. There was a suggestion about updating the long-term trend analyses completed in the past few years.

other:

- Grant updates:
 - Little River Trail wetland permit seems likely to move forward after much discussion with NHDES.
 - Possible grant for summer 2022 with UNH grad student for drone survey of river to identify areas with possible algal infestation versus rooted aquatic plants. Will need to be ground-truthed by volunteers. One-shot deal, should qualify as a community grant. Bill McDowell and Michelle Shattuck have seen several suspicious areas while paddling.
- Therese Thompson could not do Rockingham Conservation District presentation as planned, will try again.

upcoming meetings and events:

- March 3, outreach, rec, history, wildlife workgroup meeting, 9:30 by phone
- March 16, LRAC meeting, 7:00 by phone

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Joe Foley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

LRAC Phone Meeting February 16, 2021 Vote Tally

rep	present	approve Jan minutes	Move additional \$15,000 to land protection				adjourn consensus
Foley, Joe	y	y	y				s
Hall, Al							
Krebs, Mary Ann	y	sy	sy				
Lightbody, Anne							
Lord, Dick	y	y	my				m
Martin, Jerry	y	y	y				
Miller, Kitty							
Raymond, Ric							
Scholz, Ann	y	y	y				
Settineri, Jason	y	my	y				
Shattuck, Michelle							
Thompson, Therese	y	y	y				
Wallace, John	y	y	y				