

Lamprey River Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda March 19, 2024 7:00 P.M.
Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road
Meeting will be upstairs.

Project review 6:30

- Deerfield, EVERSOURCE G146 transmission line, wetlands
- Deerfield, Freese Pond Rd, Shoreland Permit Application
- Nottingham, introduction to proposed subdivision off Route 156, with Peter Wawrzonek (AoT permit application has not been received yet)

community grant application from Newmarket Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission for Willey House Park [vote needed](#)

Newmarket 300 book activity, Pam Myers and Kris Carmichael

approval of minutes from February 20, 2024

financial report

Lee Public Canoe access repairs:

Invasive weed pulling day March 16th 9am – noon

proposed amendments to bylaws: [final vote needed](#)

other:

- Review current agreement with SELT. Need to include submitting invoices for land protection projects rather than just taking out funds when a project is completed.
- Grant vetting and approval process: Do we keep the current process or do we want a different process?
- Request from Newmarket for letter supporting application for NHDES grant for sewer main replacement under Lamprey River (see draft LRAC letter and background info) [vote needed](#)
- Dan Davis, river corridor tax concept
- FYI: January 13 Epping fuel farm fire updates:
NHDES was contacted. This is what they sent, from Todd Selig, Durham town administrator
During the oil tanker fire in Epping last weekend, our hard-working public works staff in Durham and at the UNH water treatment facility determined that the conflagration was around 2,000 feet from the Lamprey River.

In an abundance of caution, staff proactively moved to alternative water sources until Durham/UNH could determine whether a public health concern existed within the Lamprey River.

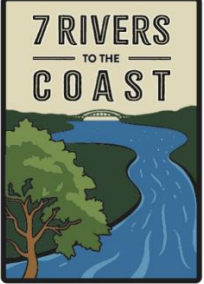
After conferring with the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), it was confirmed a couple of days later that the oil spill, as well as the flame suppressant materials utilized to suppress the oil tanker fire, were contained within a drainage ditch area and addressed by hazardous materials professionals. Further, with substantial river levels and flows within the

Lamprey resulting from recent heavy rains, if any materials had entered the Lamprey, they were determined to have been de minimis and would have been washed downstream and out to sea.

The UNH/Durham water system was subsequently cleared by NHDES to resume withdrawal operations from the Lamprey River.

In summary, Durham/UNH staff acted swiftly and in an abundance of caution to protect our local public water supply, moved to alternate sources, and eventually resumed normal withdrawals from the Lamprey River. There was no public health impact to our water supply in Durham or at UNH whatever.

- Great Bay 2030 outreach update, FYI:

 <p>Protecting the Shared Waterways of Great Bay & Beyond</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo-based signage coming soon for river crossings.• Access points will have signage highlighting ways we can help protect the bay (includes Schanda Park)• New website under development for lay people focusing on enjoyment and things we all can do.• Updated Access Map for coast and Great Bay
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- **Great Bay Book Group** - The Great Bay Stewards and the Conservation Law Foundation are hosting a coordinated book reading and region-wide discussion about the epic battle against big oil in the Seacoast that was fought 50 years ago. Dozens of libraries, classrooms and book groups are reading *Small Town, Big Oil*, using a discussion guide and action toolkit to celebrate the anniversary and consider the relevance of this story in tackling today's environmental challenges. There is a [free public discussion](#) at 3S Artspace on April 25 with the author, activists at the center of the story in the 1970s, and those at the forefront of environmental advocacy in the Seacoast region today. Learn more and get involved [here](#).

Upcoming meetings and events:

- LRAC meeting April 16, 2024
- *Small Town, Big Oil* book discussion, April 25, 3S Artspace
- Herring Aid, May 18, 10-noon, Macallen Dam