

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED JUNE 21, 2022

summary of motions:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the FY2023 budget as presented. Dennis Regan seconded. Motion passed unanimously including roll call votes from those participating by phone.

representatives attending in person: John Wallace (Barrington); Dick Lord (Durham), Joe Foley (Epping); Jim Brady, Kitty Miller, Dennis Regan (Lee); Jerry Martin, Patrick Reynolds (Newmarket); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: Mary Ann Krebs (Durham), Tasha Lewis (Lee)

staff: Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 7:00.

approval of minutes from April 19, 2022:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Grace Levergood seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously including roll-call votes from those participating by phone.

financial reports:

Bank statement, year-to-date, and land protection accounts were reviewed. No issues were noted.

workgroup updates:

outreach:

- Slide presentation and car tour were offered to new LRAC reps and to seniors from the Newmarket Sunrise Sunset Center.
- Herring Aid took place on May 7, with about 30 participants.
- Salt marsh presentation and tour class proposal for October were accepted as offerings in the OLLI program.

recreation:

- The kayak launch assistance device has been installed at Schoppmeyer Park. Square supports have been replaced by rollers. Jerry Martin will try it with his kayak to make sure it is no longer a hazard. Hand-pulled kayak trailers are back at the parking lot.
- Dennis Regan has been in contact with the recreation director in Newmarket. They will meet in June to discuss access points and continuing partnership programs.

staff person ad hoc group:

- Several good suggestions for outreach expansion were presented and discussed.
- Changes are needed to the job description and contract. These will be handled at the end of the year during contract renewal.

FY 2023 budget:

The NPS has requested methods that will better track progress versus simply providing meeting minutes. As such, Jim MacCartney has drafted a revised format that bundles certain line items into broader categories and moved several operational items to other areas. The total is \$215,000, which is \$45,000 over FY2022.

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temporary duties for June- September:

- Joe Foley will mail correspondence.
- Dennis Regan will be responsible for retrieving and returning the key for meetings.
- Jerry Martin will take responsibility for the second key to the storage locker.
- The Junior Ranger program will be removed from the website. Patches will be reserved for local kids who participate in programs.

land protection projects:

The 2013 River Management Plan includes the prioritization process for selecting projects eligible for W&S funding. Although projects along the mainstem river in the four lower towns are given highest priority, nothing specifically negates considering good projects farther up in the watershed. Recent regional land protection priority maps show a great need to protect land in Deerfield, Raymond, and Candia. SELT is currently working on at least one project near the headwaters and might seek LRAC's support in the near future.

management plan update:

The discussion planned for tonight's meeting will be delayed to June. Representatives were reminded to review the current plan, consider new goals, and prepare questions for the planning commission representatives.

Lee Canoe Launch:

A site visit with a landscaper is planned for May 18.

possible land protection issue:

Rumors are circulating that a protected parcel in Epping has come out of conservation. The group consensus was that such actions are not legal unless the land is subject to an imminent domain issue. Joe Foley will investigate whether this might actually be an issue of a change in current use or something else.

Adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. John Wallace seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.