

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020**

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road, Lee, NH 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED April 21, 2020

members present: John Wallace (Barrington), Emily Schmalzer (Brentwood), Mary Ann Krebs, Dick Lord, (Durham), Joe Foley (Epping), Kitty Miller, Jason Settineri (Lee), Therese Thompson (Nottingham)

staff present: Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

absent: Cris Blackstone, Al Hall, Anne Lightbody, Jerry Martin, Carolyn Matthews, Ric Raymond, Ann Scholz, Michelle Shattuck

summary of motions passed:

- **Dick Lord was elected vice chair by unanimous consent to serve another two years.**
- **Dick Lord nominated Mary Ann Krebs to serve another two years as treasurer. Jason Settineri seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.**
- **Mary Ann Krebs made a motion to approve the 2020 outreach specialist's contract. Dick Lord seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- A suggestion was made to reimburse LRAC member attendance at relevant educational workshops and conferences. The group agreed that the following process shall be followed:
 - **For workshop or conference fees up to \$100, pre-approval for reimbursement shall be submitted to Joe Foley, Mary Ann Krebs, and Suzanne Petersen.**
 - **For workshop or conference fees over \$100, pre-approval for reimbursement shall be made to the full committee.**
 - **Receipts for pre-approved workshop or conference fees shall be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement. The LRAC shall not pay registration fees directly.**

approval of minutes from December 19, 2019:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

financial report:

- Bank statement, year-to-date budget, and land protection account were reviewed with no issues noted.

- The federal FY 2020 budget was recently signed and the Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers got a significant increase. The NPS needs to file new paperwork which will take a while. The LRAC should start planning how to use the additional funding in its FY 2021 budget. Jim will need to know the committee's priorities before the end of February. FY2021 will be the fifth and final year of the current cooperative agreement.

outreach, recreation, history, wildlife work group update:

- Two videos featuring David Carroll are complete. We need to wait for permission of one of David's publishers before we can make them available on You Tube, but local showings can begin. A suggestion was made to submit these to the Wild and Scenic Film Festival to engage a wider audience.
- The group is reviewing other websites and setting priorities for LRAC's new website.
- Mary Ann Krebs has begun work on growing LRAC's presence on Twitter.
- A six-part wildlife lecture/field trip series is being planned, as well as other activities for the year.

project review:

- A culvert replacement in Lee was reviewed. Due to back-flooding by the Wiswall Dam impoundment, slip-lining the existing culvert was deemed to be the most practical solution.
- Several minimum impact wetland projects for Eversource maintenance projects were reviewed. The review team agreed to have the chair sign the applications, waiving further review or comments.
- A shoreland application for upgrades for a house on Pawtuckaway Lake in Nottingham was reviewed. No major issues were noted.

LRWA update: Not applicable.

town updates:

- Brentwood: The state is selling a former game farm and a group in town wants to buy it for conservation. A town vote will likely occur in this year's warrant articles.

new office:

Boxes are slowly getting unpacked and materials reorganized.

election of officers:

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outreach specialist contract with Wild and Scenic Subcommittee:

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land protection map update:

Most requested revisions have been made. A final round of tweaks will be submitted prior to printing the final maps. An invoice has been received for \$600 which had been approved previously. The total cost was significantly higher than what SRPC planned. The difference was paid through other sources at SRPC. It was suggested that we obtain and keep SHAPE files in addition to the printed maps. Creating a policy on updating future maps was also encouraged.

other:

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- Several years ago, the Mendum's Pond Dam was repaired/rebuilt. As part of project review, a request was made that a panel describing the dam's history be erected to mitigate the loss of the original structure. The NHDES Dam Bureau has created a panel and submitted it for LRAC's approval. We were pleased that the panel has been created and look forward to having it installed at the site.
- Following the Barrington co-occurrence map presentation last October, printed reports and CDs were provided for LRAC's records. Representatives who took these to review did not return them. A request was made that these be returned for safe-keeping at the office.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Jason Settineri seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.