

Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025 7:00 P.M.



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED MAY 20, 2025

representatives attending in person:

Dick Lord, (Durham); Lauren Kaehler (Epping); Jim Brady (Lee); Patrick Reynolds (Newmarket); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Dan Davis (Nottingham); Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: none

staff: Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

guests: Matt Lake, Kathy MacDonald, Sara Morris

Meeting began at 7:10.

summary of motions passed:

- **Jim Brady made a motion to increase the monthly transfer from the operating budget to the land protection account by \$5,000, so that \$15,000 will be transferred monthly going forward. Lauren Kaehler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Patrick Reynolds made a motion to sign and submit AoT and Shoreland permit comment letters to NHDES re: Woodside Village apartments in Raymond. Dick Lord seconded. Motion passed with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.**
- **Lauren Kaehler made a motion for the chair to sign the updated SELT-LRWSS agreement. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Jim Brady made a motion to re-elect the current chair, Grace Levergood, and secretary, Suzanne Petersen. Patrick Reynolds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

approval of minutes from March 18, 2025:

Jim Brady made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dick Lord seconded. Minutes were approved with 5 yes votes and 2 abstentions.

financial reports:

- Bank statement, year-to-date budget, and land protection fund reports were shared. No concerns were noted.
- Jim MacCartney still has not received budget numbers for FY 2026. Vote to approve budget will be deferred to May.
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project review:

- Newmarket WWTF proposes to improve septage intake facilities and processes. The group was asked to comment as part of an intergovernmental review. No NHDES permit applications were available at this time. Group agreed to comment on NHDES permit applications when they are available.
- Raymond, Woodside Village, AoT and shoreland. Applicant made a presentation prior to the regular meeting. Comments prepared in advance were reviewed. **Patrick Reynolds made a motion to sign and submit AoT and Shoreland permit comment letters to NHDES re: Woodside Village apartments in Raymond. Dick Lord seconded. Motion passed with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.**

reauthorization of SELT -LRWSS MoA:

The most recent MoA includes language that SELT must submit an invoice to LRAC prior to taking pre-authorized funding commitments from the LRAC land protection account held by SELT. SELT would like to avoid official invoices and suggested that a "Request to Expend Funds" form be considered adequate notification to LRAC. This was acceptable to LRAC executives, LRWA, and the LRAC/LRWA accountant. The committee also finds this change acceptable. Due to potential uncertainty with LRAC's federal funding, a request was made to include language indicating that LRAC land protection funding is subject to federal funding availability. **Lauren Kaehler made a motion for the chair to sign the updated SELT-LRWSS agreement. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

election of chair and secretary, per bylaws:

The bylaws require that the chair and secretary be elected in January of odd-numbered years. This action was accidentally omitted and is being rectified now. Vice-chair Dick Lord noted that Grace Levergood was willing to continue as chair and that Suzanne Petersen was willing to continue as secretary. There were no volunteers or other nominations from the floor. **Jim Brady made a motion to re-elect the current chair, Grace Levergood, and secretary, Suzanne Petersen. Patrick Reynolds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

management plan update:

Emails were sent to all 14 town secretaries to invite comments on the draft river management plan and offer a demonstration on the new mapping system for town planning boards and conservation commissions. As of the meeting, only one town had indicated any interest.

grants update:

- Wiggin Farm bridge project has been completed.
- No date yet for the Wadleigh Falls history panels to be installed.

- No update on toad research.
- Doe Farm forest management plan update:
We are moving forward with the management plan for the Doe Farm with our consultant, Charles Moreno. It took a while to get the contract moved through our bureaucracy, but it is done and signed.

Now that the snow has disappeared, field work on the dead and down can begin. We do have the rough inventory of the standing trees in hand, thanks to the work of some UNH students

We will also be coordinating the forest management plan with the Rockingham County Conservation District input on treating invasive species.

I will keep you in the loop as we assemble the forest management plan. Thank you and the Advisory Committee for your patience.

other:

- Lee Hook Road bridge appears to be a major repair. No permits have been requested from NHDES so far.
- Epping Canoe Race April 26
- Raymond Elementary School Eco-trail cleanup- April 26.
- Newmarket's Turtlefest May 10
- Herring Aid May 17 at Macallen Dam.
- Next meeting May 20.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Jim Brady seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.