

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Emergency Meeting May 14, 2025 7:00 P.M.**



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED MAY 20, 2025

representatives attending in person:

John Wallace (Barrington); Matt Lake, Dick Lord (acting chair), David Steinberg (Durham); Jim Brady (Lee); Ben Buckley (Newmarket); Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: none

staff: Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 7:00.

purpose of emergency meeting:

Upheaval in the federal government is creating great uncertainty in the solvency of LRAC funding and programming. New regulations beginning on May 19 could jeopardize our funding and commitments to grantees, accounting services, storage, staff support, etc.. A proposal was made that LRAC draw down all remaining funds as soon as possible.

A Zoom meeting was held this afternoon with +/- 80 NPS and PWSR representatives from all over to discuss funding, NPS staff changes, and on-going uncertainties. One participant asked if drawing down all remaining funds as soon as possible would be advisable. Responses from NPS and other river groups made clear that such a move could be extremely risky and was not advisable. Alternatives, such as accelerating payments for grants, were suggested.

Discussion ensued weighing pros and cons of doing a full drawdown, a partial drawdown, or keeping with the status quo.

David Steinberg made a motion to reject the proposal to draw down all funds as soon as possible. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

David Steinberg made a motion to request an additional \$30,000 for land protection as soon as possible. Ben Buckley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The results of votes will be conveyed to the fiscal agent and accountant following the meeting.

adjournment: Dave Steinberg made a motion to adjourn. John Wallace seconded. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50.