

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025 7:00 P.M.**



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED JULY 15, 2025

representatives attending in person:

Matt Lake, Dick Lord (Durham); Lauren Kaehler (Epping); Jim Brady (Lee); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Dan Davis (Nottingham); Kathy McDonald, Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: none

staff: Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 6:55.

summary of motions passed:

- **Dick Lord made a motion to approve up to \$100,000 from the land protection fund for the Lydon land protection project in Nottingham, with funds available through April 30, 2027. Matt Lake seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dick Lord made a motion to send 3 draft project review letters with amendments. Lauren Kaehler seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.**
 - **Nottingham, 26 Birch Tree Lane, wetlands**
 - **Epping, Weyland Properties warehouse, AoT**
 - **Epping, 7 Exeter Road, Shell station fuel tank replacements**

approval of minutes from May 20, 2025:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Brady seconded. Minutes were approved with 7 yes votes and 1 abstention.

land protection project presentation, Lydon project, Lori Sommer, SELT

This parcel consists of approximately 215 acres largely surrounded by Pawtuckaway State Park. It has 650 feet of frontage along Round Pond Brook and is in the catchment area of Pawtuckaway Pond that drains to the Lamprey River. The parcel is mostly within Highest Ranked Habitat and is within the Pawtuckaway Highlands Important Bird Area. It has a history of good forest management. The total budget for the project is \$1,639,100. **Dick Lord made a motion to approve up to \$100,000 from the land protection fund for the Lydon land protection project in Nottingham, with funds available through April 30, 2027. Matt Lake seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

financial reports:

Bank statement, year-to-date budget, and land protection fund reports were shared. No concerns were noted.

approval of draft project review letters:

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management plan update:

No comments were received from towns. Full draft copy will be shared with LRAC reps shortly. Final edits from LRAC will be accepted through June 30. Final vote will occur at July 15 meeting. All towns wanted copies for planning board, conservation commission, and library. 70 copies will be printed and distributed in August (14 x 3 for towns, plus 28 for LRAC).

Thompson Forest kiosk panel:

The Durham town administrator and conservation land manager approved our offer to remove, reprint, and reinstall the faded panel on the kiosk.

Nottingham CC pH and temperature meter:

Dan Davis reported that the meter is in need of replacement. The NCC will probably be asking LRAC for \$700 to help the town buy a new one. The NCC will submit a formal proposal and the LRAC can consider the request in July.

other:

- FYI: Epping CC will be making improvements to the Route 87 bridge trail this summer: reusing the fallen kiosk by installing sonotubes with rebar for the base, moving displaced bridges back into position and securing them, adding signage to avoid really mucky areas, refurbishing trail station markers, and cutting fallen trees and excessive branches on or over the trail.
- FYI: New Lamprey River Wild and Scenic signs will be delivered to Epping DPW for installation next week.
- FYI: The Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association removed 2,000 Chinese mystery snails from the lake last year. Reminder that we need to be vigilant about watching out for invasive plants and animals.
- No word from Lee regarding when the Wadleigh Falls history kiosk will be installed.

next meeting: July 15, 2025

adjournment:

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

Meeting minutes recorded by Suzanne Petersen.