

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



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

representatives attending in person:

John Wallace (Barrington); Matt Lake, Dick Lord (Durham); Jim Brady (Lee); Ben Buckley, Patrick Reynolds (Newmarket); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Kathy McDonald, Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: none

staff: Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 6:49.

summary of motions passed:

- **Matt Lake made a motion to approve and send the project review letter re: 21 Moody Point Rd., Newmarket, wetland application. Ben Buckley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Jim Brady made a motion to submit a project review letter to NHDES re: Eversource 391, 373, and 385 powerline upgrades, AoT application. Kathy McDonald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dick Lord made a motion to approve pre-payment for website service for 5 years (\$600) and domain name registry for 8 years (\$120), for a total of \$720.00. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dick Lord made a motion to accept the revised Policy for Approval of Memorandums of Understand, Contracts, Expenditure of Funds, and Processing of Invoices. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **John Wallace made a motion to approve the Lamprey River Management Plan. Dick Lord seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

approval of minutes from June 17, 2025, 2025:

Jim Brady made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dick Lord seconded. Minutes were approved with 6 yes votes and 3 abstentions.

financial report:

- Checking account statement, year-to-date budget, and land protection account were reviewed with no issues noted.
- Given the uncertainty with NPS funding, members discussed pre-paying for website service and domain name registry. The current website was completed in 2022 at a cost of \$10,000 plus staff time. The website service provider can offer us 5 years prepaid. If funding has not resumed after 5 years, the website can be put on ice: searchable by the public, but with no LRAC access to update content. **Dick Lord made a motion to approve pre-payment for website service for 5 years (\$600)**

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- Other prepayment options were discussed, but more details are needed before a decision can be made.

grants:

- The history kiosk at Wadleigh Falls still has not been installed. Lee DPW indicated it would perform the work this week.
- Doe Farm Forestry Management Plan Update should be ready in August.
- The toad pathogen report will be shared in August, along with a presentation to the LRAC.
- Bacterial tracking: given that this year will probably be the last that funding will be available for this research, we should ask the researcher to provide a 1-2 page summary of findings for the last 4 years. This report should be shared with the media.
- Stream gauges: All work has been completed and all gauges are streaming live via NHDES website. A suggestion was made to request a summary of the data.
- The 1996 bird survey along the Lamprey River was never digitized. Perhaps we should look into getting that done.
- Given the uncertainty of future funding, the LRAC grant program is not being publicized. Quick, small grants might be considered.

revised procedure for the expenditure of funds

The LRAC fiscal agent (LRWA) has been asked by the NPS to demonstrate clear oversight of LRAC expenditures. A draft revision of the policy was shared and discussed. **Dick Lord made a motion to accept the revised Policy for Approval of Memorandums of Understand, Contracts, Expenditure of Funds, and Processing of Invoices. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

management plan revision

After three years of work, the plan is ready to be finalized. Once approved, the first step will be to print copies for LRAC and towns. The second phase will be loading it to the website. **John Wallace made a motion to approve the Lamprey River Management Plan. Dick Lord seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

mapper

An issue regarding SWQPA jurisdiction was noted last month. After conferring with SRPC and NHDES, it was determined that the issue will remain for the foreseeable future. NHDES does not map the protected shoreland beyond the parcel level. If we want to see if a project is subject to SWQPA review, the best we can do is 1. determine whether the SWQPA applies to that section of river and 2. use the measuring tool on the site to get an estimate from the shoreline out to 250 feet.

adjournment:

Matt Lake made a motion to adjourn. Kathy McDonald seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Minutes recorded by Suzanne Petersen