

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025 7:00 P.M.**



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED OCTOBER 21, 2025

representatives attending in person:

John Wallace (Barrington); Matt Lake, Dick Lord, David Steinberg (Durham); Jim Brady (Lee); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Dan Davis (Nottingham); Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: none

staff: Suzanne Petersen

guest: Dan Mullaney, prospective rep

Meeting began at 6:55.

summary of motions passed:

- **John Wallace made a motion to approve four project reviews letters. David Steinberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - Epping, WWTF solar panels, AoT
 - multitown herbicide spraying, special permit
 - multitown, Eversource powerline upgrades, wetlands
 - Raymond, Granite State Credit Union, AoT
- **Dick Lord made a motion to approve Management Plan Appendix D as presented. Dan Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Matt Lake made a motion to approve the property management policy. Dan Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **David Steinberg made a motion to approve the travel reimbursement policy and request form. Matt Lake seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

approval of minutes from July 15, 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.

approval of W&S minutes from August 19, 2025:

Matt Lake made a motion to approve the W&S minutes as presented. Jim Brady seconded. Minutes were approved with 4 yes votes.

financial report:

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

- A new savings account was recently opened to keep federal money separate from other money.
- The National Park Service FY2026 Wild and Scenic budget was received and reviewed. Committee members were pleased that funding will continue through April 2030.

approval of project review letters:

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Wadleigh Falls kiosk update:

The Lee Cons. Comm., LRAC, and Lee DPW reps met at the canoe launch on Sept. 12 to discuss the placement of the canoe access sign and the new history kiosk. All agreed that DPW would move the canoe access sign back to its original location to the left of the stairs. Given the presence of native vegetation and lack of suitable ground, the new kiosk will be moved to the left of the canoe access sign. Both signs will be parallel and close to the parking area.

management plan update:

- Approval of Appendix D:
After final approval of the plan by the LRAC, NHDES informed us that a few topics were not covered in the plan. If LRAC wanted to have the plan placed on the NHDES website, these topics had to be addressed. Appendix D, Topics for Future Consideration, addresses the following topics:
 - aquatic connectivity
 - dams, bridges, and other water structures
 - fluvial geomorphology
 - protection of meander belts
 - dredging, filling, mining, and earth moving
 - state-owned lands within the corridor and tributary drainage areas

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- Printing of the plan:
Best price was from B&B Printing in Somersworth: 70 copies for 60 color pages with flat spine/saddle stitched trim \$850. To print the title on the trim would add \$50-70 for tweaking. Committee members discussed and agreed that the side title is not necessary.

approval of new property management policy:

As part of negotiating the new cooperative agreement, it was determined that LRAC needs to have a policy for tracking and maintaining equipment and high-value items. A draft policy was shared and discussed. **Matt Lake made a motion**

to approve the property management policy. Dan Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

approval of travel expense reimbursement policy:

As part of negotiating the new cooperative agreement, it was determined that LRAC needs to have a policy for reimbursing travel expenses. A draft policy was shared and discussed. A “request for Reimbursement for Travel Expenses” form was shared and discussed. **David Steinberg made a motion to approve the travel reimbursement policy and request form. Matt Lake seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

LRAC meeting attendance and participation:

In the past, especially during and just after Covid, remote participation was allowed and practiced according to state law. The legislature has considered requests for expanding remote participation, but the new rules hinder rather than help LRAC. In compliance with the new rules, LRAC will no longer offer a remote option to committee members and will conduct state meetings strictly in-person.

grant updates:

- Doe Farm Forest Management Plan: Plan has been completed. We are awaiting the final grant report. Presentation will probably occur in October, maybe November.
- Bacterial tracking: Request for a user-friendly, multi-year summary has been requested. Supervised undergrad students will work on this.

SELTfest, October 18:

Dan and Suzanne will do initial setup. Dave will join Dan from 11:00 on. Grace will join at 1:00.

adjournment:

John Wallace made a motion to adjourn. Dick Lord seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Notes recorded by Suzanne Petersen.