

Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026 7:00 P.M.



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED MAY 19, 2026

representatives attending in person:

Dick Lord, David Steinberg (Durham); Jim Brady, Sara Morris (Lee); Dan Mullaney (Newmarket); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Dan Davis (Nottingham); Kathy McDonald, Therese Thompson (Raymond)

staff: Emma Lord, Suzanne Petersen

guest: Rich Clyborne, Gundalow Company

Meeting began at 6:55.

summary of motions passed:

Therese Thompson made a motion to approve two project review letters with amendments. Dan Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

approval of minutes from March 17, 2026:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dan Davis seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

financials:

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

Gundalow Company Community Grant request, Rich Clyborne

The Gundalow Company is a non-profit based out of Portsmouth that uses the Gundalow *Piscataqua* to conduct educational programs on Great Bay that focus on environmental and historical maritime content. Over the years, thousands of local children have had the opportunity to sail and learn aboard the vessel. Based on goals and activities of the Great Bay 2030 initiative, the Gundalow Company proposes to offer the Gundalow as a platform to engage +/- 45 local adult decision makers and change makers to learn about Great Bay's issues and how local people can address them. The total requested is \$2,793 which will cover staff expenses and a docking fee for access closer to the Lamprey River.

Following the presentation and departure of Mr. Clyborne, the committee members discussed at length the pros and cons of this proposal. While there is great potential for this type of outreach, the specifics of the proposal seem to put too much emphasis on Gundalow staff time and not enough on content specific to the Lamprey River and its place in the Great Bay watershed. It was agreed that LRAC should engage in further discussions with the Gundalow Company

and perhaps alter the relationship to one in which LRAC is a paying client who will play a much larger role in determining the content of the program. No vote was taken.

approval of project review letters:

Applications reviewed:

- Epping, Sig Sauer Patriot Range Reconfiguration, AoT
- Nottingham, 230 Stage Road detached garage, shoreland

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frog song display:

Dick Lord shared the final design and that production has been authorized. He proudly showed the case that he built that will house the panel once installed. Dave Steinberg shared sample 3-D life-size plastic frogs that will accompany the display. He will make two full sets: one with colors that match the colors on the display board and another comprised of one color for all frogs so that visitors can guess which frog. We hope to have the final display ready for Turtlefest May 9.

upcoming events:

- Resource Waste Services (Epping) public hearing April 28
LRAC will attend and share parts of the letter of testimony submitted to NHDES. Several local affected parties will attend and air their concerns.
- other public engagement activities, LRAC help needed
 - April 25 Lamprey River Canoe Race Mary Blair Park to Rte. 87 bridge (photos would be most welcome)
 - May 2 Nottingham Bioblitz Marston Farm Rec. Area 9-1 (good weather only)
 - May 9 [Turtlefest](#) Newmarket Jr/Sr High School, 9-12
 - May 16 Herring Aid Macallen Dam, 10-12
 - June 6 guided paddle Piscassic Park- Doe Farm need volunteers for the trial run team and event support

FYI: Mill Pond Dam removal (From Durham Friday Updates April 3, 2026)

Drawdown of Mill Pond will not be initiated until the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department declares the completion of the spring fish run in the Oyster River. This date is uncertain but could be any time through the end of June. Some work is still expected to be performed prior to drawing down the impoundment, including site preparation, material/equipment delivery, and staging.

FYI: More conservation land in Nottingham (from Drew Stevens April 13, 2026):

The Nottingham Conservation Commission held a public hearing last Monday to purchase the 110+ acre property behind our town hall with over 1000 ft of frontage on the North River that I mentioned when I was before LRAC presenting the BioBlitz community grant. Our Select Board voted unanimously to purchase the land using our Conservation Funds.

FYI: NH Lakes Congress:

Therese Thompson shared that Neil Santos from the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association will speak about management of aquatic invasive species in New Hampshire's lakes at the June event.

adjournment:

Jim Brady made a motion to adjourn. Sara Morris seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Notetaker: Suzanne Petersen