

Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 18, 2026 7:00 P.M.



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

representatives attending in person:

John Wallace (Barrington), Dick Lord (Durham); Jim Brady (Lee); Dan Mullaney, Patrick Reynolds (Newmarket); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Dan Davis (Nottingham); Kathy McDonald, Therese Thompson (Raymond)

staff: Emma Lord, Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 6:55.

summary of motions passed:

- **John Wallace made a motion to approve, as amended, the draft letter regarding tank replacements at Penguin Fuels in Deerfield. Kathy MacDonald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Patrick Reynolds made a motion to approve, as presented, the draft letter in support of state funding for the Epping WWTF upgrade. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dan Davis made a motion to approve the draft Procedure for Declining the Right of Intervention on Certain Notifications, Registrations, and Applications. Kathy McDonald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

approval of minutes from July 21, 2026:

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

financials:

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

project review:

- **John Wallace made a motion to approve, as amended, the draft letter regarding tank replacements at Penguin Fuels in Deerfield. Kathy MacDonald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Patrick Reynolds made a motion to approve, as presented, the draft letter in support of state funding for the Epping WWTF upgrade. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- A draft policy change regarding certain low-risk notifications/comment requests from NHDES and the chair's ability to decline comment without full committee review was discussed. **Dan Davis made a motion to approve the draft Procedure for Declining the Right of Intervention on Certain Notifications, Registrations, and Applications. Kathy McDonald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

other:

- Dick Lord thanked Dave Steinberg, Dan Mullaney, and John Wallace for helping out with the LRAC info tent at Durham Farm Day. There was a minor hiccup with the frog song display audio, but it turned out to be a simple low battery.
- SELT Trailfest will take place on October 17. Help will be greatly appreciated then.
- Great Bay river LAC members have been invited to attend a free Gundalow cruise on September 8. Four members indicated an interest to attend.
- There will be a public workshop on September 9 on the Exeter River to showcase a shoreline stabilization project.
- We should start planning for a guided bird walk in October, maybe in Epping?
- The canoe launch sign at the Route 87 bridge has been removed. It had been spray-painted by vandals several years ago. The Epping Conservation Commission tried to clean it this summer without success. We had hoped the back of the panel could be used to print a new sign, but it was not usable. A completely new sign is being printed. The printer was asked whether adding a plexiglass cover might be good way to protect the panel against future vandals, but the plexiglass panel would exacerbate damage from any potential flooding.
- Raymond updates from Kathy McDonald:
 - A site walk was held Aug. 11 on the proposed lot line adjustment between Raymond Baptist Church and East Coast Property Management. It appears the land has already been recently disturbed, trees cut and stacked, firewood chopped and piled, some fabric erosion control barriers put in place. It also appeared an area was filled with crushed brick and concrete debris and leveled out. It appeared the landscaping company moved the trucks and equipment which were there the day before. A representative from the Baptist Church kept saying the landscaper had permission to clear the land as long as no permanent structures were done. It was concerning to see the mud from the cleared parcel dropped along the drive. The lot being cleared is Highest-ranked Habitat in the State and Highest Wildlife Habitat in the Biological Region. Am concerned with the loss of this habitat, sediment and runoff into the stream and wetlands there. What substances are being brought in for fill? What is the plan to avoid bringing in invasive plant life? Also, in order to access the rear of the property for expansion there will be additional land disturbance.
 - The new town planner is going through the ordinances and found several areas that need work. One of the key recommendations for the conservation commission is to define "buffer" in the zoning regulations.
- Pawtuckaway Lake:
 - Milfoil herbicide will be sprayed in late August. Residents have been notified.

adjournment:

John Wallace made a motion to adjourn. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Meeting notes recorded by Suzanne Petersen