

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026 7:00 P.M.**



Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED OCTOBER 20, 2026

representatives attending in person:

John Wallace (Barrington), Dick Lord, Matt Lake (Durham); Jim Brady (Lee); Dan Mullaney (Newmarket); Dan Davis (Nottingham); Kathy McDonald, Therese Thompson (Raymond)

staff: Emma Lord, Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 6:55.

summary of motions passed:

- **Therese Thompson made a motion to approve the following project review letters with amendments:**
 - **Deerfield, Pinecrest Road, shoreland**
 - **Raymond, 21 Old Manchester Road, Lot 46, shoreland**
 - **Raymond, 21 Old Manchester Road, Lot 48, shoreland****Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **John Wallace made a motion to approve a LRAC community grant up to \$7,500 for Early Successional Habitat Maintenance at Little River Park in Lee, with \$5,600 payable up-front and \$1,900 payable upon completion of the project in late 2027. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

approval of minutes from August 18, 2026:

John Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dan Davis seconded. Minutes were approved with 7 yes votes and 1 abstention.

financials:

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

project review:

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community grant proposal: Habitat Maintenance at Little River Park, Mimi Winder, Lee Conservation Commission

The Lee Conservation Commission has been working hard to maintain and restore early successional habitat at Little River Park, including control of invasive plants. Several big, robust black locusts are on site. Cutting alone seems to encourage the

spreading of multiple off-shoots, making the situation worse. The commission is requesting up to \$7,500 to pay for professional foresters to cut and remove the black locusts, followed by immediate herbicidal painting (Triclopyr) of tree stumps by a licensed herbicide applicator. The Town of Lee will provide project oversight and coordination. Work is proposed to begin this fall into winter, with a follow-up treatment in the fall of 2027.

The Town of Lee is in the throes of a major financial belt-tightening period and funding that might normally be available to the conservation commission is not assured. The LRAC discussed the normal funding of grants (50% upfront, 50% upon completion) and determined that this was not workable in this case at this time.

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other:

- Route 87 canoe launch sign has been completed and will be reinstalled Sept. 20.
- Lydon property, Nottingham update from Lori Sommer, SELT:
The fundraising has been very successful and we are excited to be looking at wrapping up the survey. Part of the project has always been carving out the existing home for an approximately 12.75-acre lot. The Town requires this to be handled by a subdivision and approval is being sought. In order to satisfy the process, abutters are notified and the meeting is scheduled for September 23. I plan to attend along with our surveyor. There has also been a title issue with the southern boundary with the State Park that we are dealing with. The environmental assessment reported there are no environmental conditions on the land and if everything lines up, we plan to close no later than December 15, 2026 and hopefully sooner.
- upcoming events

Oct. 7	salt marsh intro	Newmarket Senior Center,
and 14	and tour	Odiorne Point, Rye
Oct. 17	SELT Trailfest	SELT, Epping, 10-3
- next LRAC meeting October 20, 2026

adjournment:

Matt Lake made a motion to adjourn. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Meeting notes recorded by Suzanne Petersen