

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

October 29, 2019 at Pease Public Library

Plymouth, NH

Members present:

Bill Bolton (Plymouth), Russ Brummer (New Hampton), Barry Draper (New Hampton), Carl Lehner (Holderness), Myrtle Lewis (Thornton), John Gallagher (Thornton), Neil McIver (Plymouth)

Guests: David Jeffers

1. **Meeting called to order by B. Bolton at 7:02 PM.**
2. Approval of minutes from our August 27, 2019 meeting. Motion to approve by C. Lehner, seconded by J. Gallagher, all approved.
3. Introduction/attendees: Welcome our newest PRLAC member, Myrtle Lewis of Thornton.
4. VRAP water testing – New DES Coordinator. B. Bolton reported that Michele Conlon is the newest staff at Watershed Management Bureau.
5. Permit (Pre)Applications
  - a. Bridgewater AOT permit application
    - i. B. Bolton reported that he received the permit. When we get the necessary communication from DES, he will set up a time to visit the site.
  - b. Franklin water main replacement
    - i. B. Bolton reported that they are replacing the water main on New Hampton Road in Franklin, NH.
    - ii. Representative of the engineering firm has been corresponding with D. Jeffers. Representative asked to set up a telephone conversation. B. Bolton will respond to the representative and set up a call that will include B. Draper and M. Stamp
6. Funding Requests: Defense of budgets to the towns of New Hampton and Bristol
  - a. B. Draper reported that he, R. Brummer, and M. Stamp met with New Hampton's Conservation Committee to explain the role of PRLAC, its recent achievements, and the purpose of the \$300.00.
  - b. B. Draper and M. Stamp sat in on the Bristol Budget Committee. The committee was well informed of PRLAC's role and achievements in the Pemi's protection. They appreciated PRLAC's visit.
7. Dave Jeffers' Corner:
  - a. Request to update our "Pemi River Corridor Management Plan" – SRF Application.
    - i. D. Jeffers submitted an application for a 603 funding for PRLAC.
    - ii. PRLAC's application was turned down.
    - iii. We requested feedback on how we could make our proposal more clear and concise.
    - iv. DES would prefer an entire watershed on a proposal. Other suggestions included:

1. PRLAC explores the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program.
    - a. D. Jeffers called to set up a meeting with coordinator to get more information.
    - b. A community can get a loan for 75,000 dollars that is payed back when project is finished. This could include the culvert assessment which L. Doner suggested in an earlier meeting.
  2. D. Jeffers will further explore possibilities to fund the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan.
  3. M. Lewis suggested we would not have to update the management plan entirely, reducing costs. The job could be done by a graduate student from the PSU.
    - a. D. Jeffers explained the challenge of figuring out how much of an update is needed to meet certain standards and to qualify for certain funding.
    - b. M. Lewis requested access to another RLAC's management plan for comparison.
    - c. D. Jeffers suggested the Merrimack plan (found of the DES site), who are working on a new guidebook for their management plan.
    - d. M. Lewis may contact Tracy Sales.
  4. D. Jeffers is putting finishing touches on maps of aquifers of New Hampton and Plymouth. Susan Slack, the principle planner, will be in touch with towns.
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8. B. Draper and B Bolton reported on the October 13<sup>th</sup> SPNHF event at The Rocks, celebrating the passing of Northern Pass
  9. B. Draper reported on the warning signs that were posted on the Pemi river in New Hampton (mentioned during the last meeting) regarding the use herbicides (ProcellaCor EC). He found that the Army Corp was responsible, and the representative was upset that no one contacted the town before the application. The Army Corp will make sure to do so if the application was repeated.
  10. Plymouth Water and Sewer joined the suit with 3M to challenged the limits of PFAS set by the DES. Waiting for Superior Court ruling.

**Adjourn** Motion to adjourn: N. McIver, Seconded: B. Draper. All voted to adjourn. 8:34 PM