

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #311

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Emma Sawyer Room, Weare Public Library

Any questions regarding this meeting contact:

Jane Beaulieu, Chair

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- Approval of minutes:
 - February 20, 2024, Meeting #310
- Correspondence
- Permit Application Review
- Old Business
 - Bass Island Update
 - Goffstown Dam Updates
 - Hadley Falls Dam Update
 - Greg Falls
 - Kelley Falls
 - Piscataquog River Management Plan Update
 - Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge
- New Business
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date, Meeting #312 – Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #310
February 20, 2024
MINUTES

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester; John Magee, Vice Chair, Member at large; Andrew Cadorette, Clerk, Goffstown; Gary Samuels, Deering; Keith Erf, Weare; Donna Mombourquette, New Boston.

Absent: Jimmy Allen, New Boston.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

09/19/23 MEETING MINUTES:

Gary Samuels made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023, minutes. Motion was seconded by John Magee. Donna Mombourquette abstained.

VOTE: 5-0-1. Motion Passed.

11/21/23 MEETING MINUTES:

John Magee made a motion to approve the November 11, 2023, minutes. Motion was seconded by Gary Samuels.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Town of New Boston. Submission of Application/Public Hearing/Subdivision/Minor/2 Lots. Subject Property: 98 Lull Road, New Boston, Tax Map# 2, Lot#77. Owner: Carlson, Kristen V., Fieldstone Land Consultants PPLC, (Agent). The applicant proposes to subdivide tax map#2/Lot#77, creating one new residential lot, for a total of two lots.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee thanks the town of New Boston for continuing to forward notices for any development within the ¼ mile of the designated river corridor.
- The Committee has no comments.

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2024-00253. Subject Property: Moose Club Park Road, Goffstown, Tax Map #18, Lot #54. Replace failing wood retaining walls and metal steps with concrete block wall and concrete steps, restore grades impacted by failing walls and erosion, stabilize slopes

with plantings and seed mix, construct a 12' x 14' porous paver patio and construct two stone infiltration trenches near the road frontage. aaron@aec-nh.com; Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- Ensure best use management practices are followed due to existence of Japanese Knotweed. As such, the Committee recommends the applicant not dig up Japanese Knotweed as this is one of the most common ways the invasive plant is spread. For reference see: <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/japanese-knotweed-bmps.pdf>
- Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
- Reclamation seeding and plantings should use only native species and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.
- Within the area of native vegetation, vegetation shall be allowed to grow without cutting, limbing, trimming, pruning, mowing, or similar activities and only allow those as needed for renewal or to maintain/improve plant health.

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-03109. Subject Property: 37 Cove Street, Goffstown, Tax Map #21, Lot #62A. Construct a deck on the back of house facing the water. Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov; Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- To date the Committee has **not received the application**. The Committee reminds the applicant that they are required to submit a copy of the permit application to the PRLAC for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bass Island Park. The City of Manchester continues to move forward with a proposed catch basin improvement at Bass Island Park. Jane will reach out to the City and express our interest in being involved with the site plan development prior to Shoreland Permit submission.
- Piscataquog River Dams.
Andrew Cadorette shared with the Committee updates on the Piscataquog River Dams. DES is continuing to work on feasibility studies.
For reference see: <https://nh-goffstown.civicplus.com/411/Piscataquog-Dams-Info>
Also see: *\$20M Grant Would Truck Fish to Keep 2 Dams, Aid in Other Dam Projects.*, Union Leader., February 19, 2024., Ref:
https://www.unionleader.com/news/environment/an-infusion-of-funds-for-water-safety/article_3276c802-5322-5072-a042-2aabda1890f6.html
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP).
The Committee will seek 604B funding for the update of the Piscataquog River Management Plan. Jane Beaulieu has been in touch with Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and they are interested in helping the Committee with the

update. To seek 604B funding, a letter of intent must be submitted to DES by September 2024.

Next Steps:

- John Magee will review the current PRLAC Management Plan and present highlights are our March meeting.
- April meeting the Committee will provide comments on John's recommendations.
- May meeting Committee members will provide content for possible plan updates

For reference see:

- Piscataquog River Management Plan:
<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/wp-content/uploads/2010-Piscataquog-River-Mnmt-Plan-Update.pdf>
- Other LAC management plans: <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/rivers-management-and-protection>.

- Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail). No updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The PRLAC will host a Bass Island clean up day on Saturday, April 20th. Jane will reach out to the City to provide tools. All are welcome to participate. Jane Beaulieu commented that she believes the Friends of the Piscataquog River Park (FPRP) are also hosting a cleanup day in April. The Committee will reach out to FPRP to confirm the date of their river cleanup.
- The Committee reviewed the PRLAC 2023 Annual Report.
Gary Samuels made a motion to accept the 2023 Annual Report. Motion was seconded by Donna Mombourquette.
VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

John Magee will finalize his membership status.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on the **third Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:03 pm John Magee made a motion to adjourn. Gary Samuels seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk