

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #322
April 15, 2025
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| • Chair Jane Beaulieu, Manchester (Term exp. 08/30/26) | <input type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> ✓ absent |
| • Vice Chair John Magee, Community-at-large member (Term exp. 02/22/27) | <input type="checkbox"/> ✓ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Clerk Andrew Cadorette, Goffstown (Term exp. 05/29/27) | <input type="checkbox"/> ✓ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Keith Erf, Weare (Term exp. 01/27/26) | <input type="checkbox"/> ✓ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Donna Mombourquette, New Boston (Term exp. 04/08/28) | <input type="checkbox"/> ✓ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| • Gary Samuels, Deering (Term exp. 10/31/26) | <input type="checkbox"/> ✓ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent |

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Guest: None

Call to Order

John called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

February 18, 2025, MEETING MINUTES:

**Keith made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025, minutes as amended.
Motion was seconded by Donna. VOTE: 4-0-1. Motion Passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-02526.
Subject Property: Russell Avenue, Goffstown, Tax Map #24, Lot #17. Revision to prior shoreland impact permit to address compliance issues outlined in the letter of revision, LRM# 24-025, and address changes in lot size and impervious area.
keyland412@comcast.net; Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov;
Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- o The PRLAC was not able to local the Letter of Revision, LRM # 24-025 at time of review.
- o Noting that we were unable to review the LRM# 24-025, the revised plan seems to be an improvement to the plan previously reviewed.

- **Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2025-00704.**
Subject Property: New Boston Road (Roue 13), Goffstown, Tax Map #4, Lot #63-1.
Proposed construction of a four-bedroom home with geothermal well system, an on-site septic, private well and utilities. jodymullaney@comcast.net; ssimon@gpinet.com; Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The application highlighted a high number of endangered, threatened, and species of concern, therefore the timing of the project is critical to avoid negative impact on these species. The Committee supports any and all recommendations from New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG), including any additional measures yet to be determined.
- The application does not indicate a plan for the cutting of trees and vegetation. Given the scope of the project, and the proximity of it to wetlands and the Piscataquog river, maintaining a woodland buffer around critical habitat is important. The Committee would like to better understand what vegetation will be remaining.
- The application shows road cutting onto the property. The newly constructed roads appear to cross wetlands. Was the appropriate permitting required for crossing these wetlands?
- Given proximity to critical wetlands, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.
- Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
- Reclamation seeding and plantings should only use native species, and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.

- **Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES Permit AoT File Number: 250321-051;** Project Name: Proposed Residential Dwelling. Owner: Joseph Mullaney. Subject Property: New Boston Road, Goffstown; Tax Map #4, Lot #63-1. Proposed construction of a four-bedroom home with geothermal well system, an on-site septic, private well and utilities. jodymullaney@comcast.net; ssimon@gpinet.com; irm@des.nh.gov; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov; Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

- The application highlighted a high number of endangered, threatened, and species of concern, therefore the timing of the project is critical to avoid negative impact on these species. The Committee supports any and all recommendations from New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG), including any additional measures yet to be determined.
- The application does not indicate a plan for the cutting of trees and vegetation. Given the scope of the project, and the proximity of it to wetlands and the Piscataquog river, maintaining a woodland buffer around critical habitat is important. The Committee would like to better understand what vegetation will be remaining.

- o The application shows road cutting onto the property. The newly constructed roads appear to cross wetlands. Was the appropriate permitting required for crossing these wetlands?
- o Given proximity to critical wetlands, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.
- o Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
- o Reclamation seeding and plantings should only use native species, and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- o Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP).

John updated the committee on the status of our 604 (b) Grant application. SNHPC will be voting to allow them to sign our grant document. Next step is for Governor and Council (G & C) to allocate funds. John will reach out to confirm when G & C will be reviewing our grant application.

Donna will provide the Committee with her thoughts on how to assess our approach to reviewing our current PRMP goals.

For reference see:

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

• Piscataquog River Dams.

Andy updated the Committee on the Goffstown River Advisory Committee and the status of the dams along the Piscataquog. Prior Goffstown River Advisory meetings can be viewed online at the links below:

- o Goffstown River Advisory Committee - September 24, 2024
- o Goffstown River Advisory Committee - October 16, 2024
- o Goffstown River Advisory Committee - November 20, 2024
- o Goffstown River Advisory Committee - December 18, 2024
- o Goffstown River Advisory Committee - January 15, 2025
- o Goffstown River Advisory Committee - February 19, 2025

• Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail Trail).

Andy updated the Committee on the Town of Goffstown's Transportation Alternative Program Grant (TAP). Three applicants presented to SNHPC. The Town should be notified about the application status in June.

• The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park.

No updates

• Bass Island, Manchester

The Committee will seek to host a Bass Island clean on June 7th. Next step is to confirm with the city.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donna updated the Committee on the status of 7 River Road, New Boston. The lot has been purchased by the Town. It appears that a neighboring property was using the septic on the vacant lot. They are now in the process of constructing a new septic system on their property.
- Andy attended the NH DES LAC meeting. He provided an overview of the tools and resources he observed. Moving forward the Committee will seek to provide permit comments in the form of a letter to both the permit reviewer and applicant. Andy also reviewed another LAC's website as a way organize meeting documents. The Committee liked the website idea. Andy offered to create a website for our Committee.

Donna made a motion to develop a PRLAC website for committee needs. The motion was seconded by Keith. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion Passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Donna has been reappointed to the Committee. Her term expires 04/08/28. The Committee congratulated Donna on her reappointment.
- Committee members have been asked to make a personal request to individuals in their community and invite them to become members. John will reach out to a few contacts in Francetown. Andy also discussed developing a membership brochure that we could place in Town offices.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:40 pm Gary made a motion to adjourn. Donna seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk