

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)

Meeting #312

April 16, 2024

MINUTES

Andrew called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm as Jane was attending remotely.

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: None.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kate Waldo, CPSI, Parks and Cemetery Project Manager, Coordinator for Adopt-A-Site, Green Streets, and Volunteer Programs, City of Manchester,
KWaldo@manchesternh.gov.

03/19/24 MEETING MINUTES:

Gary made a motion to approve the March 19, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by Keith.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES File Number: 240415-076; Project Name: New Boston Fire Station. Owner: Town of New Boston; Subject Property: Mount Vernon Road, New Boston, Tax Map #8, Lot #110-2. Construction of a new municipal fire station serving the town of New Boston. Includes parking lot/driveway with access to points on Route 13 and Freedom Crossing; on-site water supply; on-site septic system; stormwater drainage system; underground water storage tank for fire protection; and associated utilities. kevin@northpointeng.com; f.fraitzl@newbostonnh.com; lrn@des.nh.gov; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- o The Committee is pleased to see the comprehensive Drainage Maintenance Plan outlined in the AOT application.
 - ~~o As outline in the Drainage Maintenance Plan, copies of reports must be made available to DES upon request. The Committee would also like copies of reports when requested by DES. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that all Drainage Maintenance Plan reports be available publicly online.~~
 - o **As outline in the Drainage Maintenance Plan, Drainage Maintenance Plan reports must be made available to DES upon request. The Committee also requests to receive copies of any report sent to DES. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that all Drainage Maintenance Plan reports be available publicly online. – Amended 7/16/24 meeting.**
 - o The Committee supports the Green SnowPro Certification program and recommends that all employees of the facility be Green SnowPro Certified, not just those performing winter maintenance activities.
 - o The Committee recommends that Magnesium Chloride (MGCL2) not be used in deicing.
 - o The Committee would like to inquire as to whether or not Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) are to be used on site in any way and if they are, what steps are being taken to protect the watershed from PFAS contamination?
 - o Recommend the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
 - o Reclamation seeding and plantings should use only native species and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- **Bass Island.** Wetlands: Permit-By-Notification. NHDES File Number 2024-00512. Subject Property: 347 Second Street, Manchester, Tax Map #TPK3, Lot#62. Dredge and fill in the banks of Piscataquog River to repave the boat ramp of the Bass Island Park. EMMANUEL.UWIZEYE@DES.NH.GOV; KWaldo@manchesternh.gov.

Kate Waldo presented to the Committee on the City's plans to improve Bass Island Park. The city is seeking to repair the boat ramp, repair an upstream retaining wall and install a new drainage catch basin in the park. Kate stated that the drainage from the catch basin will not go into the river. Jane commented that the Committee would like to be involved with any site development on Bass Island. Jane will reconnect with the City of Manchester to make sure they are aware of the PRLAC's role.

PRLAC Comments:

- o Jane will contact Mark Gomez, Chief of Parks, City of Manchester to provide him an overview of the PRLAC's role within the watershed.
- o Jane will reach out to the Manchester Conservation Commission and invite them to one of our upcoming meetings. The goal would be to reconnect with them and learn about any upcoming projects they may have that could impact the Piscataquog River.
- o Andy will reach out to Tracy Sales to get information on what determines a PBN vs complete Shoreland Permit. Given the extensive work being done on Bass Island, the Committee was surprised that this project only required a PBN.
- o Andy will connect with Tracy Sales to see if DES has a map that shows Communities exempt from Shoreland Permitting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP).**

John led the Committee in a review of Chapters 1 and 2 of the PRMP. The Committee discussed various suggested edits. It was suggested that we survey towns to get input on the PRMP. Donna will draft a few survey questions. The Committee agreed that this could be a role for SNHPC.

Next Steps:

- o John will continue to work with the SNHPC to draft a letter of intent for 604B funding. The goal is to have a draft letter for Committee review by the May meeting.
- o The Committee will review Section 3. and 4.
- o Committee members should email all edits of the PRMP to John. John will organize them into a document to share with SNHPC.

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>.
- **The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park.** – no updates
 - **Piscataquog River Dams.** Andy reported that he is continuing to work with a group of community stakeholders. They are presenting a draft Charter to the Goffstown Select Board on April 22nd. The Charter is a recommendation from the stakeholder group for a new town committee to work on behalf of the Select Board on dam-related issues.
 - **Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail).** Andy reported that the Ad HOC Pedestrian Bridge Charter ends May 2024. The Ad Hoc Committee is presenting a final report to the Select Board on May 6th.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MEMBERSHIP:

- John will confirm his membership status is approved.
- Andrew has been reappointed. His term expires in May 2027.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on the **third Tuesday, May 21, 2024**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:25 pm Gary made a motion to adjourn. Donna seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk