

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #314

Tuesday, August 20, 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:
 - July 16, 2024, Meeting #313
- Correspondence
- Permit Application Review
- Old Business
 - Bass Island Update
 - Goffstown River Advisory Committee - Dam updates
 - Piscataquog River Management Plan Update
 - Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge
- New Business
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date, Meeting #315 – Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #313
July 16, 2024
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

• Chair Jane Beaulieu, Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Vice Chair John Magee, Community-at-large member	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Clerk Andrew Cadorette, Goffstown	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Keith Erf, Weare	<input type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Donna Mombourquette, New Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Gary Samuels, Deering	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None.

Call to Order

Jane called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

04/16/24 MEETING MINUTES:

Donna made a motion to approve the April 16, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by John with edits.

VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES Permit AoT -2626; 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;

lrm@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 notes that they reviewed Alteration of Terrain (AoT) File Number: 240415-076 at our April 16th, 2024, meeting. The Committee submits the same comments for AOT Permit -2626.
- 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 a Drainage Maintenance Plan report must be made available to DES upon request. The Committee requests copies of any report sent to DES. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that all Drainage Maintenance Plan reports be available publicly online.
- 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.

- Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application (RSA 482-A) NHDES File Number: 2024-01739; Project Name: A164 Structure Replacement Project - Eversource; Subject Property: Hillsborough, Deering and Weare, Tax Map #, Lot #, Various. Kris.vannaerssen@aecom.com; travis.yandow@eversource.com; lrm@des.nh.gov; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov; Kathleen.P.Wadiak@wildlife.nh.gov, mary.a.tilton@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- o Page 21, Section 5.3.2 of the permit application states the PRLAC did not provide comments on the AoT permit. The Committee notes that they reviewed the Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES File Number: 231013-208; Project Name: A164 Structure Replacement Project – Eversource, at their March 16 meeting and minutes were provided.
- o The Committee seeks clarification as to whether Eversource's easements across a parcel extinguishes existing conservation easements. The Committee discussed instances of possible conservation easements and how Eversource intends to comply with the easement. In the cases where the Eversource right-of-way passes through conservation land the Committee strongly recommends Eversource review and comply with all existing conservation easements and restrictions.
- o The application highlighted the potential for rare, threatened, and endangered species within the area of impact, 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 notes the awareness of nesting birds on existing poles. The Committee supports Fish and Game recommendations to avoid negative impacts to these birds.
- The applicant must seek to ensure that any project debris is removed from the site, and the land reforested, and habitat resorted in the areas disturbed to status quo ante.
- 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.

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2024-01922. Subject Property: 27 Shirley Park Road, Goffstown, Tax Map #35, Lot #12. Construct a 24x36 (846 sq. ft.) post & beam frame garage on a concrete slab. West side of property 70 ft. away from existing house and 100+ feet away from waters edge. No additional disturbance to property or vegetation. drreinfurt@live.com; brandy1.holmes@des.nh.gov; Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee noted that the application is incomplete. There were no calculations provided for the “Calculation Impervious Area” or the “Natural Woodland Area Requirement sections of the application.
- The application noted “No additional disturbance to property or vegetation” outside of the construction of the building. Given that the proposed use of the building is a garage, the committee questioned whether a driveway or other access would be provided and question how this would impact the Impervious Area and Woodland Buffer calculations.
- While plans for the 24 x 36 garage structure were provided, there was no indication whether water or septic would be provided to the structure.

OLD BUSINESS:

- South Branch, New Boston - illegal stream impoundment.
Donna provided the Committee with an update on a small stone impoundment created on the South Branch, just upstream from the confluence of the Middle Branch of the Piscataquog in New Boston. The Committee was first notified of this structure by a citizen. The Committee will reach out to the abutting property owners (NH DOT and DNCR) for permission to access this part of the river. The Committee will also request permission from NH DES to remove the river stone structure and return the river to its natural state. If granted approval the Committee will schedule a Saturday date to complete the project. Donna will provide the town of New Boston with a letter about the removal of the illegal structure.
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP).
The Committee continues to work on the updating of our Management Plan. John and Jane will schedule a meeting with Southern New Hampshire Planning

Commission (SNHPC) to begin the grant application process. The Committee is encouraged to continue reading through the existing plan.

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>
- Bass Island, Manchester
 - Jane reported that she was made aware of a possible illegal use on the none-park side of Bass Island. She had reported it to NHDES. She will follow up with NH DES for the outcome.
 - Jane also mentioned a concern about individuals living in the park on Bass Island. Jane will reach out to Manchester Parks and Rec to see if they are aware of this.
- Piscataquog River Dams. On June 10th the Goffstown Select Board adopted the charter for an Ad Hoc Goffstown River Advisory Committee. The Purpose of the Committee, as adopted by the Select Board, is to advise the Select Board in all matters relating to the Piscataquog River, with a focus on the Hadley Falls Dam (FERC Project P-5379), Gregg Falls Dam (P3180), and Kelley's Falls Dam (P-3025). The Committee may also advise the Select Board on matters relating to the management of the Piscataquog River, including, but not limited to, preservation, sustainability, resilience, recreation, economic vitality, public safety, and water quality. The Select Board is seeking a PRLAC representative to be a member of the Committee.

For reference see:

- [TA REPORT - GOFFSTOWN RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 07.08.2024.PDF](#)
- [GOFFSTOWN RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - LIST OF VOLUNTEERS - UPDATED 07.08.2024 4.00PM.PDF](#)
- [GOFFSTOWN RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER - ADOPTED 06.10.2024.PDF](#)

John made a motion to appoint Andrew as PRLAC representative on the Goffstown River Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Gary.

VOTE: 4-0-0. Motion Passed.

- Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail). The Goffstown Select Board has renewed the Pedestrian Bridge charter for an additional two years. The Committee's deliverables are to:
 1. Support a Town application for a NHDOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant (TAP) as the primary funding source for construction of the pedestrian bridge in the Fall 2024.

2. Collaborate with and support the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail in outreach and soliciting of donations for the construction of the pedestrian bridge; and
3. Continue working with the Town to seek other grant funding opportunities.

- The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park. – no updates

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OTHER

Donna left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

MEMBERSHIP:

Nothing to report

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on the **third Tuesday, August 20, 2024**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:08 pm John made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk