

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #307

Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 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 of October 10, 2023
- Correspondence/General Discussion
- Permit Application Review Applications
- Old Business
 - Bass Island Update
 - Goffstown Dam Updates – See: <https://www.goffstown.com/togprd>
 - Hadley Falls Dam Update
 - Greg Falls
 - Kelley Falls
 - Piscataquog River Management Plan – Update
 - Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge
- New Business
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date – Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #306
October 10, 2023
MINUTES

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 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; Jimmy Allen, New Boston.

Absent: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tracie Sales, NH DES, River and Lakes Program Administrator.
Corey Clark, NH DES, Chief Engineer.

MINUTES:

The minutes of September 19 were tabled until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- NH DES request for Letter of Support for Merrimack River Watershed New Hampshire Fish Passage Improvement Project

Corey Clark, Chief Engineer for NH DES presented to the Committee on the proposed grant application to NOAA's Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grant. The proposal impacts three dams along the Piscataquog River. NH DES's proposal is to construct a volitional fishway with trap and truck facility at the Kelley Falls Dam (Manchester), establish fish transport around Gregg's Falls Dam (Goffstown), and to remove the Hadley Falls Dam in Goffstown. Additionally, the project includes four feasibility studies outside of the Piscataquog watershed. DES is requesting a letter of support from the PRLAC.

Andrew Cadorette made the following motion. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Allen:

1. Support the DES Grant application for the improvements to the Kelley Falls Dam and Gregg Falls Dams.
2. Not support the removal of the Hadley Falls Dam as it is an important community resource for the village of Goffstown; and
3. Not to provide comment on the other four requested feasibility studies as they are outside of the PRLAC's watershed jurisdiction.

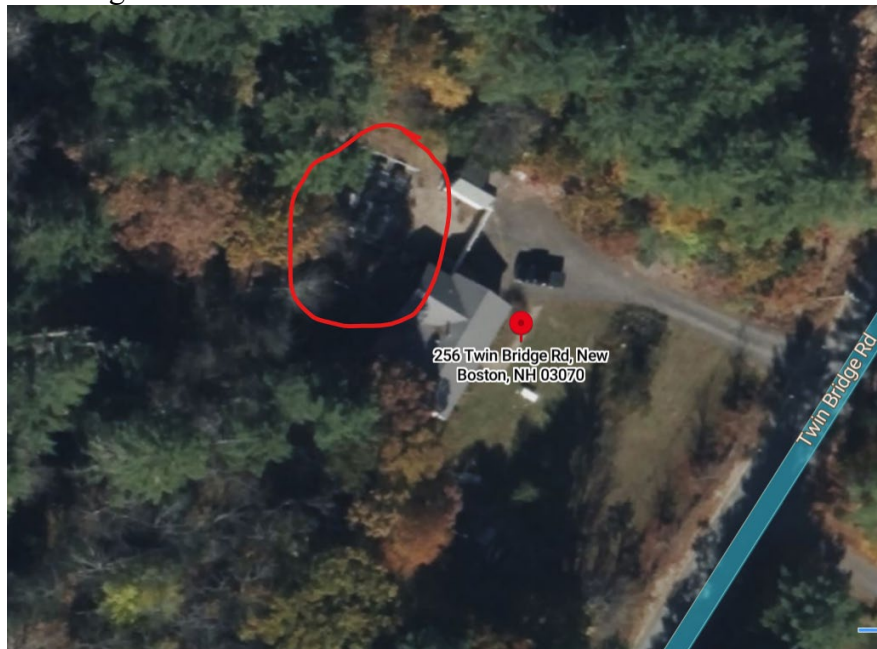
VOTE: 4-2-1. Motion Passed. John Magee abstained.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-02713. Subject Property: 256 Twin Bridge Road, New Boston, Tax Map #2, Lot #61-3. Construct a garage with an accessory dwelling unit above. Install ISDS and repair an existing retaining wall.

PRLAC Comments:

- Within the plan, the Committee noted a number of out buildings near the river and questioned whether they were permitted.
- There were no photos within the application of the actual area to be improved. Additionally, current aerial photos seem to indicate existing structures. The committee questioned what these structures were and are they to be removed? See image below.



- The Committee recommends that within the area of native vegetation, exclusive of lawn, 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.
- The Committee recommends 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 the lawn area, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous fertilizer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bass Island Park. No updates.
- Piscataquog River Dams. No updates.
For reference see: <https://www.goffstown.com/togprd>
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP). No updates.
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<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:

- None

MEMBERSHIP:

- The following Committee members have indicated they will seek reappointment:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
John Magee, At-Large	5/6/23 – John will follow up with Tracie Sales to confirm his reappointment.
Gary Samuels, Deering	5/28/23– Gary will follow up with Tracie Sales to confirm his reappointment.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on the **third Tuesday, November 21, 2023**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

Adjourned 6:52 pm

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk