

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #317

Tuesday, December 17, 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:
 - November 19th, 2024, Meeting #316
- 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
 - Letter of Support – Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge TAP Grant Application
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date, Meeting #318 – Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #317
November 19, 2024
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

• Chair Jane Beaulieu, Manchester (Term exp. 08/30/26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Vice Chair John Magee, Community-at-large member (Term exp. 02/22/27)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Clerk Andrew Cadorette, Goffstown (Term exp. 05/29/27)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Keith Erf, Weare (Term exp. 01/27/26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Donna Mombourquette, New Boston (Term exp. 04/08/25)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Gary Samuels, Deering (Term exp. 10/31/26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Guest: None

Call to Order

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

10/15/24 MEETING MINUTES:

Keith made a motion to approve the October 15, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by John. VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Donna made the committee aware of a New Boston Planning Board notice of public meeting to be held Tuesday, December 10, 2024. The public meeting is in regard to an application to amend an existing non-residential site plan for vehicular parts and service business, to add sales. The business is within a ¼ mile of the Piscataquog River in New Boston.

Owner: WCF Realty

Applicant: Finns Motorsports, LLC.

Location: 636 North Mast Road, New Boston

Tax Map: #3/150

District: Commercial “COM” District

PRLAC Comments:

- The PRLAC appreciates that the Town of New Boston inform us about the public meeting. The Committee has no specific comments on the application to amend the site plan.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Eversource, NHDES application #2024-01739.
Gary provided the committee with an update on the Deering Planning Board's decision as it relates to Eversource application #2023-01739 and its impacts on a town owned parcel with a conservation easement. The PRLAC reviewed this permit application at its March 2024 meeting.
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP).
 - Jane informed the Committee that DES received our letter of intent (LOI) to update our River Management Plan and have invited the PRLAC to submit a complete 604 (b) Grant application. The 604 (b) Grant application deadline is December 13th, 2024. (See: <https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/watershed-assistance>)
 - Jane and John are meeting with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission on December 4th at noon to discuss the formal application process. All Committee members are invited to attend.
 - With the update of the management plan, Jane would like to see our logo refreshed and letterhead created.

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
No updates
- Piscataquog River Dams.
Andy provided the Committee with an update. The Goffstown River Advisory Committee has invited a representative in from NH Fish and Game to educate them on the Merrimack River fisheries. The Goffstown River Advisory Committee continues to meet and monitor the situation with the state-owned dams along the Piscataquog river in Goffstown. The next meeting is December 18th at 6:00 pm at Goffstown Town Hall.
- Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail).
The Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge Committee continued to work on applying for the NHDOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant (TAP). They will be seeking a letter of support from the PRLAC.
- The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park.

Jane commented on the success of the Friends of the Piscataquog River Park. The FPRP has hosted several river clean-up events. Jane hopes to attend a general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jane requested that John Magee to be the point of contact for all DES permit applications going forward. Jane will reach out to DES to inform them about the change.
- The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP) has announced a new LAC website. **The new website link is <https://www.lac.des.nh.gov>.**

On this website you will find helpful information such as:

- A calendar for LAC meetings
- Individual pages for each designated river
- Permit types on which LACs comment
- Maps, fact sheets, forms and more!

NHDES is also seeking LAC members to send photos of the Piscataquog to be added to the website.

- The NHDES Rivers Management and Protection Program and the Rivers Management Advisory Committee has created a survey for LAC/LRS education and collaboration events and initiatives. The deadline to complete the survey is November 25th. All members are encouraged to participate in the survey.

MEMBERSHIP: Nothing to report

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on the **Tuesday, December 17, 2025**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

6:40 pm Andy made a motion to adjourn. John seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk