

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #310

Tuesday, February 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:
 - September 19, 2023, Meeting #306
 - November 21, 2023, Meeting #307
 - December 19, 2023, Meeting #308 – No meeting held.
 - January 16, 2023, , Meeting #309 – No meeting held.
- Correspondence
- Permit Application Review
- 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, Meeting #311 – Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)

**Meeting #309
January 16, 2024**

NO MEETING WAS HELD

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #307
November 21, 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.

Absent: Jimmy Allen, New Boston.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rudy Bourget, Weare, NH

10/10/23 MEETING MINUTES:

John Magee made a motion to approve the October 10, 2023, minutes. Motion was seconded by Keith Erf.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-03079. Subject Property: 425 Barnes Road, Deering, Tax Map #228, Lot #33. Re-grade existing driveway and remove lawn areas with replanting of natural species of trees, shrubs, ground cover and wildflower areas. dbhigginson@yahoo.com; Calvin.G.Diessner@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee was pleased to see this application and thanks the owners for seeking to improve the water quality through the restoration of native habitat.
- 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.
- Within the area of native vegetation, 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.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.

- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES File Number: 231013-209; Project Name: Townes Gravel Pit; Subject Property: Off Grandview Drive, Weare, Tax Map #201, Lot #112. Expand the footprint of an existing gravel pit by approximately 223,000 sf. All stormwater will be retained on site. acengineer@gsinet.net; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- 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.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.
- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES File Number: 231013-208; Project Name: F162 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project - Eversource; Subject Property: Goffstown, New Boston, and Weare, Tax Map #, Lot #, Various. Lindset.white@gza.com; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov; Kathleen.P.Wadiak@wildlife.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- While the Committee noted the completeness of the application, it would be helpful to include installation diagrams for the new poles, including installation pictures of the new structures with anchoring.
- The Committee assumes this application will also require a Shoreland Permit given the work to be done within the river corridor.
- The applicant must seek to ensure that any project debris is removed from the site, and the land reforested, and habitat restored in the areas disturbed to status quo ante.
- The application highlighted the potential for several turtle and snake species of concern in the area, therefore the timing of the project is critical to avoid impact. The Committee supports the recommendations of New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) included in the permit and any additional avoidance measures yet to be determined.
- 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: 2023-02951. Subject Property: 7 River Road, New Boston, Tax Map #18, Lot #7. A fire destroyed the residence at 7 river road in 2022. The existing structure and impervious areas were razed. This project involves redevelopment of a new single-family home in the same location as the previous home. Geoffrey.katz1@gmail.com; Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- What will be the post construction status of the existing septic tank and leach field, if any, once the new system is installed? Is the existing effluent disposal area (EDA) currently being used by any other property owners/abutters?
- Recommend 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.
- 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.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends that if property owners choose to fertilize, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous slow-release organic fertilizer.

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-02999. Subject Property: 47 East Union Street, Goffstown, Tax Map #35, Lot #8. Demo existing house and foundation. Construct a 52' x 65' Ranch with walk out basement and attached 22' x 22' garage. Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

NOTE: No permit application was received by the PRLAC. Please provide a copy to the PRLAC Chair prior to their December 19th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bass Island Park. No updates.
- Piscataquog River Dams.
Andrew Cadorette shared with the Committee updates on the Piscataquog River Dams. DES is continuing to work on feasibility studies.
For reference see: <https://www.goffstown.com/togprd>
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP).
Jane Beaulieu will reach out to Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission to schedule a meeting to discuss updating our management 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>.
- Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail). No updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

MEMBERSHIP:

Jane Beaulieu will send out letters of recognition to Michael Thomas and Allen Garfield thanking them for their time on the Committee.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on the **third Tuesday, December 19, 2023**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:40 pm John Magee made a motion to adjourn. Gary Samuels seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk