

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #318

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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:
 - December 17th, 2024, Meeting #317
- 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 #319 – Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #318
December 17, 2024
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Guest: None

Call to Order

Jane called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

11/19/24 MEETING MINUTES:

Keith made a motion to approve the November 19, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by Donna. 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 - Unknown; File Number: Unknown; Project Name: Mark Stebbins Community Center. Owner: Manchester Housing Authority. Subject Property: Kimball and Upland Streets, Manchester; Tax Map #777, Lot #13. The applicant is proposing to develop the site with a new 2-story, 12,190 sf-footprint community center with an outdoor recreational area, and associated parking. This application also includes an adjacent housing development on the lot (70,000 sf disturbance for two 24-unit multi-family buildings), which was completed in 2023.
cmason@gpinet.com; lrn@des.nh.gov; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee makes the following recommendation:
 - 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.
 - 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.
- The Committee strongly supports the recommendations of the NH Fish and Game Department, including catch basins should have grate opening no larger than 2" x 2" and removing sumps from catch basins and outlet control structures located next to grassy and wet areas.
- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485 – A:17); NHDES Permit AoT - Unknown; File Number: Unknown; Project Name: Park Place. Owner: Hemily Investment, LLC. Subject Property: 134 Mast Road, Goffstown; Tax Map #5, Lots #54, #54-1. Proposed development consists of 30 condominium units with supporting infrastructure. Access to the development is directly off Mast Road in Goffstown. ed@brokfield.world; doug@thedubaygroup.com; lrn@des.nh.gov; Michael.J.Schlosser@des.nh.gov; ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov; bethann.m.mccarthy@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee makes the following recommendation:
 - 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.
 - The NH Natural Heritage Bureau identified several threatened and species of special concern within the immediate area of the site. Given that, the committee highly recommends the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
 - For reclamation seeding and plantings the committee strongly recommends the use of native species only. Additionally, any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.
- The Committee strongly supports the recommendations of the NH Fish and Game Department that catch basins should have grate opening no larger than 2" x 2" and removing sumps from catch basins and outlet control structures located next to grassy and wet areas.
- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2024-03062. Subject Property: 180 Elm Street, Goffstown, Tax Map #36, Lot #78. Remove the old walkway to the dock and replace it with stone and gravel. Rebecca.turnley@aol.com; Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov; Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov.

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee previously commented on this project. See October 15th, 2024, minutes below.
- The Committee thanks the applicant for completing the application and providing the design plan for the project.
- October 15th, 2024, comments:
 - **The Committee recommends that DES update the Shoreland Permit Application – Section 11 “This project is *not* within one-quarter mile of a designated river.” To language that would be more inclusive, as some may not realize that Glenn Lake is part of the Piscataquog River, which is a designated river.**
 - The Committee discussed the permit application received from the applicant, its completeness and how it was received. The committee recommends the Chair, when notified of a permit application, reach out to all interested parties to inform them as to the requirement to send the PRLAC a complete application by mail, as per Env-Wq 1406.13.
 - ~~No design plan was provided, so the Committee is unable to determine the distance between the improvements and the shoreline.~~
 - The Committee also makes the following recommendation
 - 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.
 - 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

- Jane and John updated the committee on the status of the 604 (b) Grant application. The final application is due to DES on December 20th. Jane will confirm we are all set to submit the final grant application.

Andy made motion that the PRLAC formally submit a grant application for the 604(b) funding to update our Piscataquog River Management Plan.

Motion was seconded by Donna. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion Passed.

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>.
- Local River Management Advisory Committee Website:
<https://www.lac.des.nh.gov>.

- **Bass Island, Manchester**

No updates

- **Piscataquog River Dams.**

Andy provided the Committee with an update. The next meeting is December 18th at 6:00 pm at Goffstown Town Hall.

- **Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail).**

Andy provided an update on the Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge Committee. They are in the process of submitting a NHDOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant (TAP) for the construction of the pedestrian bridge across the Piscataquog River in Goffstown. The Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge Committee has requested that the PRLAC provide a letter of support for the pedestrian bridge TAP Grant application.

Donna made a motion to provide a letter of support for the construction of a pedestrian bridge in across the Piscataquog River in Goffstown. Motion was seconded by Keith. Andy abstained as he is the Chair of the Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge Committee. VOTE: 4-0-1. Motion Passed.

- **The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park.**

No updates

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jane requested that the committee re-create our letterhead for use. Andy will work with John to find the old logo and letter head and update it into a word document for committee use.
- The Committee discussed reminding towns about the status of the Piscataquog River as a designated river under RSA 483 and to encourage towns to inform property owners of their responsibility to notice the PRLAC when seeking property improvements under state and local land use regulations. Jane will draft a letter for the committee to review to send out to the towns within the watershed.

MEMBERSHIP:

No updates

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on the **Tuesday, January 21, 2025,** 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:12 pm Keith made a motion to adjourn. Donna seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk