

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #298

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Emma Sawyer Room, Weare Public Library

Any questions regarding this meeting can be called to Jane Beaulieu, Chair, at 603-203-8440 (cell); houligan@comcast.net (email)

- Approval of minutes of January 17, 2022
- Permit Application Review applications (as required)
- Correspondence/General Discussion
- Old Business
- Membership
- New Business
- Confirm next meeting date – Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

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January 17, 2022
MINUTES

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester; Andrew Cadorette, Clerk, Goffstown; Jimmy Allen, New Boston; John Magee, Vice Chair, At Large; Alan Garfield, Goffstown; Gary Samuels, Deering;

Absent: Donna Mombourquette, New Boston; Kevin Probst, Francestown; Michael Thomas, Deering.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Keith Erf, Weare; Michael Halvatzes; James Petropulos; Lauren Zielinski; and Barbara Charrette.

MINUTES:

The minutes of October 18, 2022 were approved with Mr. Magee Abstaining.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

The Committee reviewed the following permit applications:

- **Jody and Steven Ducharme, 196 Elm Street, Goffstown, NH, Map 36, Lot 69. Shoreland Permit #2022-03255.** Restore drainage culvert and swale between lots 36-68 & 36-69 located within 250 ft. of Glen Lake. Truncating the existing 15" HDPE and constructing a series of step pools and rip rap to minimize erosion.

Comments:

DES has a Request for More Information on this Shoreland Permit application. The Committee has not received a formal application. The Committee will continue to monitor. rosemary.aures@des.nh.gov

- **Town of New Boston, 4 Meeting Hill Rd, New Boston, NH, Map 19, lot 27 and 23-1. Shoreland Permit#2022-03323.** The Fire Department placed a gravel pad to level an area immediately behind the Fire Station to place a Conex box for additional equipment storage.

Comments: The Committee discussed and had no Comments.

- **Little Hill development, LLC, Lyndeboro Road, New Boston, NH Map 10, Lot 70-1. Alteration of Terrain#230106-004.** Earth removal project impacting a total area of disturbance of 862,500 square feet. ridgely.mauck@des.nh.gov. jpetropulos@hayner-swanson.com.

Michael Halvatzes (owner) and James Petropulos (HSI Hayner/Swanson, Inc.) provided the Committee with an overview of the project along the Piscataquog River in New Boston. All work will take place outside of the 250' riverfront buffer.

Comments:

- The “Natural Buffer” should be retained in their natural state as additional protection of the river. Given the large scale of this alteration of terrain application, the Committee requests that every step be taken to ensure protection of the Piscataquog River and the natural vegetated riparian buffer during the excavation and throughout the reclamation process. As stated in the New Hampshire Water Resources Primer “Natural vegetated riparian buffers – the undisturbed land bordering rivers, streams and other water bodies – are the most effective protection for New Hampshire’s surface waters. They reduce runoff, filter pollutants, and provide transitional zones between aquatic habitat and human land use.” (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, December

- 2008, Section 2.2.4. Disturbance of Natural Vegetated Riparian Buffers, (https://drought.unl.edu/archive/plans/Water/state/NH_2008.pdf)
- The Committee recommends the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials. In addition, the Committee recommends the education of all project personnel of what to look for and report to NHDES.
- Reclamation seeding and plantings should use only native species and any reclamation should avoid bio-solid based products.

- **Carol and Paul Anderson, 45 Woodfern Road, Weare, NH Map #107, Lot#59.**

Shoreland Permit #2023-00040. Construct a 15.7 ft. x 24.5 ft. addition onto the existing single-family domicile, remove areas of gravel, and reclaim areas to be natural woodland within 250 ft. of Weare Reservoir. Previous Shoreland Impact Permit is 2018-03125.

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Comments:

- Given the nearness of the property to the river, the Committee strongly supports the limited use of fertilizers as stated in the Shoreland Permit application and supporting plan documents.
- Reclaimed areas should only use native species of seed and plantings.
- The Committee recommends the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric and materials.
- Note: The plan did not indicate the location of either the septic or well. The Committee did question where they were located and how they may impact this project.

CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lauren Zielinski, NH Water Resources – Program Manager, Merrimack River Watershed Council (merrimack.org), provided the Committee an overview of the Merrimack River Watershed Council. Ms Zielinski also introduced Barbara Charrette, member of the Friends of the Piscataquog River Park, Manchester, NH. Ms. Charrette educated the Committee on the newly created [Friends of the Piscataquog River Park](#) (FPRP) organization. FPRP is planning a park clean up on Saturday April 29th. She invites all to participate.

MEMBERSHIP:

Keith Erf will follow up with DES to confirm they received his nomination form from the Town of Weare.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the **third Tuesday, February 21st, 2022**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

Adjourned 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Cadorette, Clerk