

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #301

Tuesday, May 16, 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 April 18, 2023
- Permit Application Review applications (as required)
- Correspondence/General Discussion
- Old Business
 - Bass Island Clean Up
 - Hadley Dam Update - Goffstown
 - Piscataquog River Management Plan - Update
- New Business
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date – Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #300
April 18, 2023
MINUTES

John Magee, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jimmy Allen, New Boston; Keith Erf, Weare; Alan Garfield, Goffstown; Andrew Cadorette, Clerk, Goffstown; John Magee, Vice Chair, At Large; Donna Mombourquette, New Boston.

Absent: Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester; Gary Samuels, Deering; Kevin Probst, Francestown; Michael Thomas, Deering.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

MINUTES:

The minutes of March 21, 2023, were approved as amended:

Under Old Business, first bullet shall read:

Ms. Beaulieu, on behalf of the PRLAC, is organizing Bass Island a clean up day on April 22 from 9am to 12pm. All members are encouraged to attend. This clean up event is to be posted on the City of Manchester website(s). The goal of the clean up will be to remove small trash and invasive plants.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bass Island Park. The PRLAC will be hosting a cleanup of Bass Island Park on Saturday, April 22 from 9-12. Lunch will be provided. The city will be providing their equipment trailer with tools and trash bags.
 - Ms. Beaulieu reported via email that the Manchester Parks Department will be providing \$40,000 in CIP funding for streambank stabilization at Bass Island. Also, the Manchester Parks Department will be receiving Federal Funds to install a catch basin in the Bass Island parking lot. The Dept of Public Works engineers will be drafting the plans. PRLAC will review the plan for stabilization and the stormwater catch basin.
- Friends of the Piscataquog River Park (FPRP). Ms. Beaulieu reported via email that the FPRP received a \$10,000 Manchester Event and Activation Grant for the cleanup

event they are hosting on April 29. They will use money for tools, T-shirt's, cleanup and invasive plant removal. The PRLAC submitted a letter of support.

Mr. Garfield commented that the NH Department of Agriculture has a great guide to invasive plant species in NH. See: New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasive Species: <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/upland-invasive-species.pdf>

- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP). Ms. Beaulieu reported via email that she researched the Piscataquog River Management Plan and found dozens of great photos. If the PRLAC chooses to update the Plan, these photos and documents can be referred to in the update. Ms. Beaulieu stated that the Friends of the Piscataquog River Park should be included in the update.

The Committee then discussed updating the Management Plan. Vice Chair, Mr. Magee will reach out to the River and Lakes Program Administrator to see if funding is available to assist with the update.

The Committee was also asked to review other LAC management plans, which can be found here: <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/rivers-management-and-protection>.

For reference see:

- Piscataquog River Management Plan – See: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/wp-content/uploads/2010-Piscataquog-River-Mnmt-Plan-Update.pdf>
- See PRLAC By-Laws attached.

- Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail) over the Piscataquog River in the village of Goffstown. No updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Cadorette reported that he will be attending a meeting on behalf of the PRLAC with respects to the Hadley Dam within the village of Goffstown. Various stakeholders are meeting to discuss the condition and future of the Hadley Falls dam in the village of Goffstown.

MEMBERSHIP:

NO UPDATES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the **third Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

Adjourned 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Cadorette, Clerk