

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #303

Tuesday, July 18, 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 May 16, 2023
- Permit Application Review applications (as required)
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- Correspondence/General Discussion
- 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
- New Business
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date – Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #302
June 20, 2023
MINUTES

NO MEETING WAS HELD

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #301
May 16, 2023
MINUTES

John Magee, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Magee, Vice Chair, At Large; Andrew Cadorette, Clerk, Goffstown; Keith Erf, Weare; Donna Mombourquette, New Boston; Gary Samuels, Deering.

Absent: Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester; Jimmy Allen, New Boston; Alan Garfield, Goffstown; Kevin Probst, Francestown; Michael Thomas, Deering.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

MINUTES:

The minutes of April 18, 2023, were approved as written.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-01235
Subject Property: 105 Cross Road, Francestown, Tax Map #3, Lot #29-1.
Email: tahennas@meridianlandservices.com; ascl0531@gmail.com

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee recommends 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.
- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485-A:17); NHDES File Number: 230509-107 Project Name: B143 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project Subject Property: Tax Map# Various, Lot# Various
Email: Scott.egan@aecom.com

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee recommends 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 recommends the education of all project personnel on what to look for as it relates to rare and endangered species and to immediately report any sightings to NH Fish and Game and/or NHDES.
- The Committee noted that there are many locations within this scope of work which feature north-facing rocky outcrops. These north-facing outcrops provide prime habitat for many species of concern and other native wildlife. Extra care

should be taken within these critical habitats to minimize impact to the habitat and unwanted erosion.

- Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485-A:17); NHDES File Number: 230509-108 Project Name: J114 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project Subject Property: Tax Map# Various, Lot# Various Email: conor.madison@gza.com

PRLAC Comments:

- The Committee recommends 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 recommends the education of all project personnel on what to look for as it relates to rare and endangered species and to immediately report any sightings to NH Fish and Game and/or NHDES.
- The Committee noted that the plan included several stream crossing points over various brooks (Harry Brook, Cemetery Brook, Whitney Brook and Catamount Brook), however only the crossing over Cemetery Brook showed as having any temporary impact to the wetland. The Committee wants to confirm that there will be no other impact to any of the other stream crossings located within the plan.

CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bass Island Park. The Bass Island Park clean up hosted by the PRLAC on Saturday, April 22 was a success. The Committee removed trash and invasive species. Mr. Magee suggested the Committee do a follow up clean-up in the fall continue to remove invasives species.
- Hadley Falls Dam Update – Goffstown. Mr. Cadorette updated the committee on the state's decision to surrender the FERC license on the Hadley Falls dam and to recommend its removal. There will be a follow-up meeting with DES and the Town, which Committee members are encourage to attend.
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP). Mr. Magee reported that he spoke with DES about possible funding sources. There is a 604B planning grant, which our management plan update may qualify. Grant submissions are due September 16, 2023. The Committee will need to reach out to SNHPC to see if there is any interest from them in assisting with the update.

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>

- 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>.
- Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail trail). Mr. Cadorette reported the Bridge Committee continues to meet and is moving forward with the Ad Hoc committee scope.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

MEMBERSHIP:

NO UPDATES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the **third Tuesday, June 20, 2023**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

Adjourned 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Cadorette, Clerk