

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting #304

Tuesday, August 15, 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 July 18, 2023
- Permit Application Review applications (as required)
 - Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-01920.
Subject Property: 142 Elm Street, Goffstown, NH, Tax Map #35, Lot #52.
Remove existing camp and replace with new house.
 - Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-02127.
Subject Property: New Boston Road, Goffstown, NH, Tax Map #33, Lot #17.
Construct a 3,211 sf. duplex with attached garages, decks, driveway and septic system.
 - Special Permit Application 23-307, Town of Weare, Japanese Knotweed Control
- 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
 - Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge
- New Business
- Membership
- Confirm next meeting date – Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
Meeting #303
July 18, 2023
MINUTES

John Magee, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Magee, Vice Chair, At Large; Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester (remotely); Andrew Cadorette, Clerk, Goffstown; Donna Mombourquette, New Boston; Gary Samuels, Deering.

Absent: Keith Erf, Weare; Jimmy Allen, New Boston; Alan Garfield, Goffstown; Kevin Probst, Francestown; Michael Thomas, Deering.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jason Fiske, Town of Weare

MINUTES:

The minutes of May 16, 2023, were approved as amended below.

Old Business

- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP). Should read: Grant submissions are due September 16th 15th.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- Registration for Routine Maintenance Activities RR-2: Culvert Replacement or Repair. Town of Weare. Subject Property: Reservoir Drive, Weare, NH. Email: jfiske@wearenh.gov.

The Town of Weare seeks to replace an 18" diameter stormwater drainpipe running under Reservoir Drive and flowing towards the Piscataquog River. The replacement is within ¼ mile of the Piscataquog River.

PRLAC Comments: The Committee had no comments. John Magee signed off for the PRLAC on NH DES form #NHDES-w-06-033-A.

- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-01779. Subject Property: 176 Elm Street, Goffstown, NH, Tax Map #36, Lot #80. Email: ebuck@terrainplanning.com, rumi.shrestha@des.nh.gov, Rosemary.E.Aures@des.nh.gov, PETER.J.CONTI@DES.NH.GOV, brandy.l.holmes@des.nh.gov.

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 noted that there are many slopes within this scope of work in close proximity to the Piscataquog River. The Committee recommends planting native woody shrubs to minimize unwanted erosion and runoff.
- The Committee also noted that it did not receive for review Standard Dredge and Fill Application, **Permit #2023-01889**, dated: 7/14/23.
- Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-01920. Remove existing camp and replace with new house. Subject Property: 142 Elm Street, Goffstown, NH, Tax Map #35, Lot #52.
Email: Calvin.G.Diessner@des.nh.gov, Melissa.F.Rusinski1@des.nh.gov, joewichert@jmwlis.com.

PRLAC Comments:

The Committee did not receive this permit for review. Next Committee meeting is August 15, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bass Island Park. Jane spoke with Kate Waldo from Manchester Parks Department regarding the erosion measures discussed. The City has allocated \$60,000 for the project. Once a shoreland application is submitted we will have a chance to review it. Jane is not sure if they hired an engineer or if it will be done in-house. Jane also commented that she is still waiting to hear from granting sources regarding their application for boat launch funding and for funding for storm water mitigation on the island through the LWCF Congressional Funding.
- The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park. The FPRP group has been very active with clean ups and invasive species eradication. In April they picked up a significant amount of trash with 50 volunteers. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 10 @ 6:30 at the Senior Center in Manchester. Jane will plan to attend. Jane recommends including the FPRP organization and other active volunteer groups (Namaske Lake Association, Glen Lake Association), and their efforts along the River, in our Management Plan update.
- 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 remove it. The Committee discussed other various efforts it could take to support the Town of Goffstown in their efforts to save the Hadel Falls Dam from being removed.
 - There will be a public information meeting hosted by NH DES, which all members are encouraged to attend, at Saint Anselm College, in Goffstown on Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00 pm. More information can be found at the Town of Goffstown's website, here: <https://goffstown.com/community/calendar/211-public-meeting/2908-piscataquog-river-dam-public-information-meeting-nh-institute-of-polices-100-saint-anselm-dr>.
 - Jane offered to reach out to Ted Diers, Environmental Programs Administrator, NH DES, Water Pollution Division, to see if he cold provide the Committee and additional information on the current status of the Hadley Falls Dam.
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP). The Committee discussed the next steps for updating the PRMP.

- John will reach out to DES to confirm the grant application process and important deadlines.
 - The Committee believes the process to be:
 - Submission of letter of intent by September 15
 - Final application is due December 15th.
 - Awards announcement June 2024.
- Jane will reach out to SNHPC to see if they are interested in assisting us with the update.

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). Andrew reported the Bridge Committee continues to meet and is moving forward with the Ad Hoc committee scope.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Rimmon Heights group, on the West Side, is working on adopting the boat launch area on Electric Street on Namaske Lake.
- Eagle Scout, Connor Bishop has built a kiosk in the Piscataquog River Park for the FPRP identifying the river, the watershed, trails, flora and fauna and more. Jane offered to write a letter of thanks to him, from the Committee, supporting his efforts.

MEMBERSHIP:

John will reach out to DES and confirm Committee members term expirations.

NEXT MEETING:

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

Adjourned 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk