

## PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

#### Meeting #306

Tuesday, October 10, 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 September 19, 2023
- Correspondence/General Discussion
  - NH DES request for Letter of Support for Merrimack River Watershed New Hampshire Fish Passage Improvement Project
- Permit Application Review Applications
  - Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-02713. Subject Property: 256 Twin Bridge Road, New Boston, Tax Map #2, Lot #61-3. Construct a garage with an accessory dwelling unit above. Install ISDS and repair an existing retaining wall.
- 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, November 21, 2023, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.
- Adjournment

**PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)**

**Meeting #305**

**September 19, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jane Beaulieu, Chair, Manchester; John Magee, Vice Chair; Andrew Cadorette, Clerk, Goffstown; Gary Samuels, Deering; Keith Erf, Weare; Alan Garfield, Goffstown.

Absent: Donna Mombourquette, New Boston; Jimmy Allen, New Boston.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of August 15 were approved as written.

**CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- The Committee recognized John Magee for being the recipient of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's 2023 James W. Tethers Award.

The James W. Tethers Award is presented in recognition of those professionals in the region who have made significant contributions to sound community and regional planning above and beyond their professional duty.

Jane Beaulieu, PRLAC Chair, honored John Magee with the following comments, "The 2023 James W. Tethers Award for outstanding professional planning goes to an individual who has worked for NH Fish and Game for many years. In addition, he has served on the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee for 21 years as an at-large member representing Deering, Francestown, Goffstown, Lyndeborough, Manchester, New Boston and Weare. His knowledge and activism have made an impact in all of these communities as well as nonprofit organizations in the area."

- The Committee reviewed the following reports submitted to DES:
  - 2021 PRLAC Annual Report
  - 2022 PRLAC Annual Report
  - 2021-2022 Biennial Report

**PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS**

Shoreland Permit Application (RSA 483-B) NHDES File Number: 2023-02526. Subject Property: Russell Avenue, Goffstown, NH, Tax Map #24, Lot #17. Impacts 9,520 square feet (SF) of protected shoreland in order to construct a new house and garage with driveway, septic system, and other site improvements. Impervious Surface Percentage Approved: 29.3%. Email: [keyland412@comcast.net](mailto:keyland412@comcast.net), [Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov](mailto:Melissa.F.Rusinski@des.nh.gov), [Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov](mailto:Craig.W.Day@des.nh.gov).

**PRLAC Comments:**

- The Committee request clarification from DES on the calculations as determined in the Natural Woodland Area Requirement. Given the large difference between (F) and (H), is there any consideration given to increase the size of (F)? If not, why? Additionally, how is (I) monitored by DES in future years on each permit application?

Natural Woodland Area Requirement	
Determining The Area to Remain As Natural Woodland	
Total area of the lot between 50 feet and 150 feet of the reference line within which the vegetation currently exists as natural woodland	(F) 785 ft <sup>2</sup>
Total area of the lot between 50 feet and 150 feet from the reference line.	(G) 9,773 ft <sup>2</sup>
At least 25% of area (G) must remain in as natural woodland. [0.25 x g]	(H) 2,443 ft <sup>2</sup>
Place the lesser of area (F) and calculation (H) on this line. In order to remain compliant with the <b>natural woodland area requirement</b> , this is the minimum area that must remain as natural woodland between 50 feet and 150 feet from the reference line. This area <b>must</b> be represented on all plans and this area, exclusive of existing lawn, must remain in an unaltered state.	(I) 785 ft <sup>2</sup>

- The Committee applauds the recommendation of Shoreland Design Principles and Suggests and further recommends:
  - That within the area of native vegetation, exclusive of lawn, vegetation shall be allowed to grow without cutting, limbing, trimming, pruning, mowing, or similar activities and only allow those as needed for renewal or to maintain/improve plant health.
- 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.
- Given proximity to the river, the Committee recommends, that if property owners choose to fertilize the lawn area, that they only use low- or no-phosphorous fertilizer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Milfoil application – Goffstown. Andy updated the committee about his conversation with Amy Smagula, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator and Matthew Bosiak, Water Quality Protection, Division of Pesticide Control. They confirmed that the Committee was notified about the pesticide application. The Committee discussed ways to improve processes for better communication.
- Bass Island Park. No updates.
- Piscataquog River Dams. The Committee discussed the status of the dams along the Piscataquog River in Goffstown.  
For reference see: <https://www.goffstown.com/togprd>
- Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP). Jane updated the Committee on her conversations with SNHPC. The Committee will seek the goal to update the management plan next year.  
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). Nothing new to report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Alan updated the committee that he will not be seeking reappointment to the PRLAC as a Goffstown representative.
- The following Committee members have indicated they will seek reappointment:
 

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
John Magee, At-Large	5/6/23 – John will follow up with Tracy Sales to confirm his reappointment.
Gary Samuels, Deering	5/28/23– Gary will follow up with Tracy Sales to confirm his reappointment.
Jane Beaulieu, Manchester	7/23/23 – Jane noted she has been reappointed.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be the **third Tuesday, November 21, 2023**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

Adjourned 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk