

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
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Meeting #324
August 26, 2025
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

• Chair Jane Beaulieu, Manchester (Term exp. 08/30/26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Vice Chair John Magee, Community-at-large member (Term exp. 02/22/27)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Clerk Andrew Cadorette, Goffstown (Term exp. 05/29/27)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Keith Erf, Weare (Term exp. 01/27/26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Donna Mombourquette, New Boston (Term exp. 04/08/28)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> absent
• Gary Samuels, Deering (Term exp. 10/31/26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Guest: None

Call to Order

Jane called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

June 24, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

Keith made a motion to approve the June 24, 2025, minutes. Motion was seconded by Gary. VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Committee received a request to provide a letter of support to the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund application for the proposed removal of the Hadley Falls Dam and associated river restoration submitted by the NH Department of Environmental Services Dam Bureau.

The Committee reviewed the ARM Fund application. Members agreed **not to support the proposal**, noting that removal offers limited ecological benefit, with many unknowns, while the loss of the dam and its impoundment would significantly harm recreation and community life in Goffstown.

Keith made a motion to send a letter to NH DES in opposition to the removal of the Hadley Falls Dam. The Motion was seconded by Donna.

VOTE: 5-0-1. Motion passed. John Magee abstained from the vote.

- Shoreland Permit Application [2025-01757](#), Sean Gaffney. 160 Reservoir Drive, Weare. Map 201, Lot 119. Expand the yard and additional plantings within the woodland buffer.

John received correspondence from NH DES on a potential permit application within the Piscataquog watershed. John reached out to the applicant to inform them that they are required to send a copy of the permit application to the PRLAC.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- [Special Permit Application 325-318, Division of Pesticide Control](#).
The Division of Pesticide Control has received a Special Permit application from the NH Dept. of Transportation, Bureau of Bridge Maintenance to use herbicide to control invasive vegetation for bridge maintenance purposes. A number of the bridges proposed under the application fall within designated river corridors.

PRLAC Comments:

The Committee had no comments and thanked the Division of Pesticide Control for the opportunity to review the application.

OLD BUSINESS:

- [**Piscataquog River Management Plan \(PRMP\).**](#)
John updated the Committee on the RFP for qualified services to work with the Committee on the PRMP. The RFP should be posted on the State's NH DES website shortly. Once posted on the NH DES website, Andy will also post it on the PRLAC website, [PiscataquogRiver.org](#). For reference see:
 - o [Piscataquog River Management Plan:](#)
<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/wp-content/uploads/2010-Piscataquog-River-Mnmt-Plan-Update.pdf>
 - o Other LAC management plans:
<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/rivers-management-and-protection>.
 - o Local River Management Advisory Committee Website:
<https://www.lac.des.nh.gov>.
- [**Piscataquog River Dams.**](#)
See discussion under correspondence.
- [**Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge \(Goffstown Rail Trail\).**](#)
Andy informed the Committee that the Town did not score high enough on the TAP Grant application. The Bridge Committee meets on Tuesday, September 2nd to discuss next steps.
- [**The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park.**](#)
No updates
- [**Bass Island, Manchester**](#)
Jane had correspondence with the City of Manchester about erosion happening at Bass Island on the western side of the park. John volunteered to provide guidance on best practices to control the erosion. John and Jane will reach out to the City of Manchester to see if they can provide any assistance.
- [**PRLAC Website**](#)
No updates

NEW BUSINESS

- Donna thanked the New Boston Planning Department for their commitment to keep the PRLAC informed on development proposals within the Piscataquog River corridor.
- The Committee discussed the timing of permit applications, the committee's meeting schedule and concerns about how the Committee should handle them if they do not align.

Donna made a motion that in the rare event that a permit application review time does not align with the Committee's meeting schedule, the officers of the Committee are empowered to review and provide comments to NH DES on behalf of the full Committee. Any comments provided would be reviewed and affirmed at the next scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Andy.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

No updates

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

7:22 pm Andy made a motion to adjourn. Keith seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk