

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)  
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Meeting #326  
October 28, 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: Tracie Sales, River and Lakes Programs Administrator, NH DES

**Call to Order**

Jane called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm.

**September 23, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

Donna made a motion to approve the September 23, 2025, minutes. Motion was seconded by Gary. VOTE: 4-0-2. John and Keith Abstained. Motion Passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Andy received an email through the website with an inquiry as to mill sites within the Piscataquog watershed. Andy provided the individual with known resources. Donna will reach out to the individual to see if we can be of any further assistance.

**PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS**

- 2025-01757, Weare, Gaffney, 09/23/25 – Shoreland Permit. After-the-fact impact 11,996 square feet of protected shoreland in order to retain placed fill and disturbed areas. Impervious Surface Percentage Approved: Maintained at 7%. Natural Woodland Area Required per RSA 483-B:9, V(b): 19,302.5 square feet

**PRLAC Comments:**

The PRLAC had no comments on the permit application.

The PRLAC expressed concern that DES has issued final approvals before the Committee had an opportunity to review complete applications. John will draft a letter to DES outlining these concerns and citing specific examples.

- 250822-151, Manchester, Southside Middle School, 09/30/25 – Alteration of Terrain Permit.

**PRLAC Comments:**

Given the timing of the receipt of this AOT Permit application and our meeting schedule, the Chair and Vice Chair provide comments to the applicant subject to Committee approval.

This action was ratified at the August 26, 2025 meeting “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.”

**Andy made a motion to affirm the comments provided to the applicants. The motion was seconded by Gary.**

**VOTE: 6-0-0 Motion passed.**

For comments provided, see: PRLAC Comments, October 16, 2025

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **NH DES Hadley Falls Dam Removal ARM Grant Application**

Tracie Sales, Rivers and Lakes Programs Administrator at NH DES, provided an update on the Hadley Falls Dam removal project and the ARM grant process. She will confirm with the ARM grant administrator whether community improvements, such as observation areas or fishing platforms, are eligible expenses under the grant.

During NH DES’s presentation to the Goffstown Select Board on August 22, 2025, it was indicated that ARM funds could only be used for dam removal and river restoration.

**See Goffstown Selectboard meeting, August 25, 2025, time: 22:23**

- Goffstown Select Board meeting - August 25, 2025

- **Piscataquog River Management Plan (PRMP)**

John provided the committee with an update on the RFQ. There were two qualified firms that submitted. John will reach out to SNHPC to confirm there are no other interested parties. John will forward the two letters of interest to the Committee for feedback. The goal is to have the updated management plan completed by September 2027.

For reference see:

- <https://www.snhpc.org/home/news/rfq-technical-services-piscataquog-river-management-plan>
- [www.piscataquogriver.org](http://www.piscataquogriver.org)

- **Goffstown River Advisory Committee**  
Andy updated the Committee on the Goffstown River Advisory Committee. At the last meeting the Goffstown River Advisory Committee had a representative from the Namaske Lake Association. The Namaske Lake Association's focus has primarily been on the milfoil issue within the lake.
- **Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail Trail)**.  
Andy updated the Committee on the status of the Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge Committee. The Bridge Committee is drafting a report for the Goffstown Select Board seeking direction on next steps.
- **The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park**.  
No updates
- **Bass Island, Manchester**  
Tracy and John visited Bass Island to better understand the erosion issue and the City's repairs on the western side of the park. It is John and Jane's understanding that the City is reviewing the issue and working on a new design. John will reach out to Phil Trowbridge, Land Resource Management Program Manager at NH DES, to inquire as to what the next steps are for Bass Island given the failed erosion improvements and concern of additional erosion.
- **PRLAC Website**  
The Committee discussed ways to better highlight permits to review for upcoming meetings. Andy will try to find a way to better highlight new permits for Committee review.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

No updates

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be **Tuesday, November 25, 2025**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**6:37 pm Andy made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: 6-0-0. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk