

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)
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Meeting #329
January 27, 2026
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Guest: None

Call to Order

John called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. The meeting was held remotely due to inclement weather.

MEETING MINUTES

- [November 25, 2025](#) - Minutes were tabled
- [December 23, 2025](#) - Minutes were tabled

CORRESPONDENCE

- John reported on the various letters he sent out at the Committee's recommendation. See letters below for details.
 - [January 23, 2026 – Re: Failure of applicants to send complete applications to the local advisory committee](#)
 - [January 23, 2026 – RE: Shoreland Permit NHDES File Number: 2024-00512](#)
 - [January 9, 2026 – RE: Proposed Expansion of Mr. Gee's near North Branch Piscataquog River](#)
 - [January 9, 2026 – RE: Proposed Cutting of Trees along South Branch Piscataquog River](#)

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEWS

- **2026-00054, Weare, Morrell, Shoreland Permit**

PRLAC Comments:

The Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) reviewed the subject Shoreland Permit Application at our January 27, 2026 meeting and provide the following comments:

- Recommend 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.
- Follow the recommendations of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Additionally, we note that, in Section 10 of the application, the applicant selected that it is not within ¼ mile of a Designated River, but the property is indeed within ¼ mile of the Piscataquog River, and this is shown on the Designated River Corridor Mapper.

Furthermore, the NHDES Rivers Program staff sent the notification of this application to the PRLAC on January 12, 2026. We request that the Shoreland Application be revised to help applicants determine the correct answer to this item by providing the link to the Designated River Corridor Mapper (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/20bcd62420ee4952b343290cbeed2e9a/>), which is on the Rivers Management and Protection webpage (<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/riversmanagement-and-protection>).

- **250822-151, Manchester, Southside Middle School, Revised AOT Permit Application 01/07/26**

PRLAC Comments:

The Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) reviewed the amendments to the subject Permit Application at our January 27, 2026 meeting and provide the following comments, which are the same comments we provided in our October 16, 2025 letter:

- Recommend 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.

Additionally, we note that the amendments will lead to a reduction in runoff during the 2-, 10-and 50-year rainfall events.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Goffstown Select Board will be hosting a meeting with DES on February 9th at 6:00 pm to review the current status of the Hadley Falls dam removal. All are encouraged to attend. See: <https://goffstownnh.gov>

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

John will reach out the SNHPC and ask for a status update and timeline

- **Goffstown River Advisory Committee**

See Hadley Falls Dam Removal above.

- **Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge (Goffstown Rail Trail).**
The Goffstown Pedestrian Bridge Committee is working with the Goffstown Select Board to update the Committees Chart, which expires June 2026.
- **The Friends of the Piscataquog River Park.**
No updates
- **Bass Island, Manchester**
No Updates
- **PRLAC Website**
No Updates

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEMBERSHIP

- John mentioned that Committee members should continue to look for new members in their community

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**, 5:30 pm at the Weare Public Library. Andy mentioned that he will be unable to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane left the meeting at 6:01 due to a commitment.

Donna left the meeting at 6:27 to attend the New Boston Planning Board meeting.

6:37 pm John adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Cadorette, Clerk