

Lamprey River Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes June 15, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED JULY 20, 2021

#### Summary of Motions

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- Dick Lord made a motion to provide \$3600.00 for office space at the Forest Society in Concord that would enable the National Park Service liaison for LRAC to continue serving LRAC's needs. This lease will cover July 2021 through April 2022. Jerry Martin seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
- Mary Ann Krebs made a motion to amend the bylaws to include a process for removing representatives who are absent from four consecutive meetings without excuse/notification (Article III Membership, E) and to update references of Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee to Lamprey River Advisory Committee. Dick Lord seconded. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous and the committee will vote to finalize this change at the next meeting.
- Dick Lord made a motion that any unencumbered funds under Cooperative Agreement CA P16AC01456 between the National Park Service and the Lamprey River Watershed Association as of September 20, 2021 shall be transferred to the Lamprey River Land Protection Fund currently administered by the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. Therese Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dick Lord made a motion to authorize the Lamprey River Advisory Committee bookkeeper to submit a payment request to be settled on or before September 20, 2016 for all remaining funds in Cooperative Agreement CA P16AC01456 between the National Park Service and the Lamprey River Watershed Association to assure that all outstanding and anticipated expenses are paid, including but not necessarily limited to contracted specialist(s) expenses incurred during September but payable in October and including the final payment to the Lamprey River Land Protection Fund previously authorized. Therese Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### representatives present:

John Wallace (Barrington), Mary Ann Krebs, Anne Lightbody, Dick Lord (Durham), Joe Foley (Epping), Kitty Miller (Lee), Jerry Martin, Patrick Reynolds (Newmarket), Therese Thompson (Raymond)

Meeting began at 7:04.

welcome new rep Patrick Reynolds, Newmarket

approval of minutes from April 20, 2021:

John Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dick Lord seconded. Minutes were approved with 6 yes votes and 2 abstentions.

financial report

- Bank balance, year-to-date budget, and land protection account activity were reviewed with no issues noted.
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project review:

- FYI: shoreland, 23 Swan Drive, Nottingham, Summary: The proponent desires to build a single-family house with a 15,842 s.f. impact in the shoreland zone of Nottingham Lake. Plans indicate that no construction will occur in the 50' buffer. "While we prefer not to see the shoreland of the Lamprey River developed further, we have no specific objections to this permit application."
- To facilitate project reviews, three process models were shared as part of the meeting preparation materials. John Wallace offered to combine components of the Oyster River LAC and the LRAC templates for further discussion.
- With the end of remote meetings, the project review team will return to meeting before the regular LRAC meeting.

### workgroup updates

- grants:
  - The bacterial tracking grant is in process. The four sites being studied all showed elevated bacterial counts following a rain event. Tests under dry conditions will follow, as well as determination of the predominant species contributing to the bacteria.
  - The Wiswall Falls water quality grant has been modified slightly to include all new equipment for the site. There is no change in LRAC's financial commitment.
  - Trail improvements at Little River Park seem to be stalled by the wetlands permit application process. The grantee is aware of the limited time left to finish this work.
- outreach
  - Two programs were offered recently: one vernal pool tour for seniors in Newmarket and one presentation for families at Wellington Campground.
  - Website rebuild is going really slowly with little measurable progress from LRAC's side.
- recreation
  - Lee Public Canoe Launch: Several committee members visited the site, noting deficiencies and offering suggestions for improvement. Costs and potential impacts to the site for various modifications will be explored.
- history- No updates.
- wildlife- No updates.
- water quality: Committee decided to make this a full-committee topic, with no chair.
- workgroup chairmanship term: Life-time term while a voting rep or opportunities for change on a rotating basis? Rotating leadership roles was generally seen as a positive suggestion, but in most cases, workgroups currently function with a great deal of sharing and overlap of responsibility. No change was recommended.

### office for NPS liaison:

Jim MacCartney noted that his office in Concord is through an agreement with Trout Unlimited, but Trout Unlimited is downsizing its operations and office space will no longer be available. The Forest Society is willing to convert the leaseholder to LRAC. Jim requests approval to lease the office through April 2022 at a cost of \$400/month. While the office benefits multiple northern New England partnership rivers, the Forest Society prefers to have a single contract and the Lamprey is the only NH river. Jim noted that future LRAC budgets would probably include a supplement to cover the cost of renewal of the lease.

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## proposed bylaws change for non-participating LRAC representatives

### **Article III MEMBERSHIP**

~~E. In the event that any member is absent from four (4) or more consecutive meetings without excuse/notification, the Chairperson may request the appointment of another person to represent the municipality or area of interest. The Chairperson may also request the resignation of the absent member.~~ In the event that a member is absent from three (3) or more consecutive meetings without excuse/notification, the Chairperson may request the resignation of the absent member. Should the member be absent from four (4) consecutive meetings without excuse/notification, the member may be removed by a majority vote of the Committee. Upon such removal, the Chairperson shall request in writing the nomination and appointment of a new member by notifying the NHDES Rivers Coordinator and the represented municipality or interest of the attempts to contact the absent member, the number of meetings missed without communication, and the former member's term.

Also: The bylaws currently indicate that the official name of the committee is Lamprey Rivers (plural) Advisory Committee. The committee voted to go with the single River on July 16, 2019. This apparently did not officially change the bylaws.

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### adjournment:

Mary Ann Krebs made a motion to adjourn. Dick Lord seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

### upcoming:

- outreach, recreation, history, wildlife work group meeting, July 14, 9:30 in person at Schoppmeyer Park(?)
- LRAC meeting, July 20, 7:00 P.M. at Lee Public Safety Complex