

Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

representatives attending: John Wallace (Barrington), Mary Ann Krebs, Dick Lord (Durham), Joe Foley (Epping), Kitty Miller, Dennis Regan (Lee), Jerry Martin (Newmarket), Grace Levergood (Northwood), Therese Thompson (Raymond)

staff: Jim MacCartney (by phone), Suzanne Petersen

Summary of motions:

Dick Lord made a motion to terminate the appointment of R. Raymond and to request that Durham nominate a replacement. John Wallace seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was called to order at 7:06.

welcome to new representative Dennis Regan of Lee

approval of minutes from July 20, 2021:

Dick Lord made a motion to amend the minutes as presented to add details about the normal grant funding process. Jerry Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Minutes were accepted with 8 yes votes and 1 abstention.

financial report:

Bank activity, land protection account, and year-to-date budget were reviewed with no anomalies noted. We are on track to end the five-year cooperative agreement in good shape.

grants:

All four grants are moving along. Final invoices will be due by September 1.

- Wiswall water quality: Equipment has reportedly been purchased. The grantee is working on effecting real-time data sharing with the public.
- Bacterial tracking: Four sample sets have been completed so far. With impairments noted, what can we expect to happen with NHDES and EPA?
- Little River Park trail: The wetlands permit application has been submitted. The kiosk panel is almost ready to print.
- Erosion research: No information yet.

outreach:

- Website redesign: After a long stretch with no specific progress reports, the developer has shared significant progress.
- A salt marsh presentation and tour for a senior citizen hiking group are scheduled for September.
- November marks the 25th anniversary of W&S designation. Suggestions for newsletter topics were offered.

history:

In preparation for Durham Agricultural Day, Dick Lord has been working on a map showing all the farms and farmland in Durham in 1930 which he shared with the group. He reported that there were 108 active farms at that time.

project review:

The review team met before the main meeting and commented on the following projects:

- Lee, Little River Park trail, wetlands: Applicant seeks to remove a failing culvert and replace it with a wooden foot bridge, build a second foot bridge over a wet area, and install a bench on an existing town nature trail.
- Newmarket, 15 Moody Point, shoreland: Applicant seeks to remove an existing house, build a bigger house, add to an existing driveway, expand an existing patio, replace septic system, and possibly replace an existing swimming pool, all located within the protected 250 shoreland buffer.

removal of non-participating member:

R. Raymond from Durham was appointed to the committee in April 2019. Although he had a strong start, we have not seen or heard from him since Dec. 2019 despite numerous attempts to contact him. In accordance with the newly passed bylaws amendment of July 20, 2021, **Dick Lord made a motion to terminate the appointment of R. Raymond and to request that Durham nominate a replacement. John Wallace seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

other:

- In Lee, it was reported that the lawsuit involving a large treehouse that was built on conservation land next to the river was resolved when heavy winds or rain brought the tree down this summer.
- At Wadleigh Falls in Lee, the NHDOT will be repairing the bridge abutment for the next two months. To date the LRAC has not received notification that any permits from NHDES were needed. Also, significant Japanese knotweed was noted on the site that received two treatments with herbicide several years ago as part of an invasive weed eradication pilot project.
- Visits were recently made to Mary Blair Park and Rte. 87 floodplain trail in Epping and several maintenance issues were noted. We will contact the Epping Conservation Commission and Recreation Department to see if they are aware. Several LRAC representatives volunteered to help the town put things back in order.
- A test run of the kayak launch assist system at Schoppmeyer Park in Newmarket revealed that the support bars are too low in the water, creating a potentially hazardous situation for paddlers. We will contact Newmarket Recreation to see what can be done to correct this situation.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47.