

Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED FEBRUARY 15, 2022

representatives attending in person: John Wallace (Barrington), Dick Lord (Durham), Joe Foley (Epping), Jim Brady, Tasha Lewis, Dennis Regan (Lee), Patrick Reynolds (Newmarket), Grace Levergood (Northwood), Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: Mary Ann Krebs, (Durham), Jerry Martin (Newmarket), Peter White (Nottingham)

staff: Emma Lord, NPS (by phone), Suzanne Petersen

Summary of motions:

- **Dick Lord and Mary Ann Krebs volunteered to hold their respective positions as vice-chair and treasurer for two more years. The committee agreed to this proposal by consensus.**
- **Dick Lord made a motion to renew the outreach specialist's contract and increase the hourly rate by 9%. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Motion was passed unanimously, including three roll-call votes by phone.**
- **Patrick Reynolds made a motion to approve the \$9350.00 proposal from Steve Jones to continue and expand bacterial source tracking along the Lamprey River this spring through fall. Therese Thompson seconded. The motion passed with 6 yes votes (including roll call votes from remote attendees) and 2 abstentions.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00.

welcome to two new representatives

Tasha Lewis and Jim Brady, both from Lee, were introduced and welcomed.

approval of minutes from November 16, 2021:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Brady seconded. Motion passed with 10 yes votes (including roll call votes from 2 remote participants) and 3 abstentions (including 1 vote from a remote participant).

financial reports:

Bank activity and land protection account records were reviewed. NO problems were noted.

workgroup updates:

- grants
 - Little River trail: No change for now, bridges will be installed in summer or fall 2022.
 - Wiswall water quality: Final report is not ready. Quick update: The equipment has been purchased, installed and is working properly. The data are technically available online, but a series of steps is necessary to access it which is not intuitive or user-friendly. Making it easier to access and more amenable for public consumption would probably take another 1-2 months of effort from our data manager.
- outreach- website update- coming along well. Expect go-live soon.
- Project review: No projects were reviewed this month. Access to project applications on the new website is still being explored.
- recreation- Lee Public Canoe Access update: An estimate for scope of work and cost has been solicited, but no reply yet. The goal is to start work in August during normal low water.
- history- no update
- wildlife- UNH wildlife department was contacted and initial response to working with us was very positive. No specific projects were discussed.
- A clipboard was passed around for all attendees to sign up for workgroups. Remote attendees were asked to submit their choices via email. Work groups are as follows: history, land protection, outreach, project review, recreation, water quality, wildlife

monthly meetings:

Members were asked to consider whether workgroups should meet before regular meetings or meet on a separate date. Having 20-minute presentations was suggested for future meetings. Representatives were asked to reflect on what the committee does well and how we could improve.

Three bills are going through the legislature to allow remote public meetings. The state rivers commission has submitted a letter of support. Attendees were asked if they would like to submit a letter of testimony to enable remote meetings and the consensus was to do so. A draft letter will be prepared and signed by the chair.

vice-chair and treasurer positions for the next two years

Per the bylaws, elections for the vice-chair and treasurer are to be held in January of even-numbered years. Volunteers were requested. **Dick Lord and Mary Ann Krebs volunteered to hold their respective positions as vice-chair and treasurer for two more years. The committee agreed to this proposal by consensus.**

renewal of outreach specialist's contract:

Committee executives met earlier and made a recommendation to increase the specialist's hourly rate by 9%, inline with current inflation rates. No other changes

to the contract were recommended. **Dick Lord made a motion to renew the outreach specialist's contract and increase the hourly rate by 9%. Mary Ann Krebs seconded. Motion was passed unanimously, including three roll-call votes by phone.**

discussion of relocating the "office" to the new SELT headquarters in Epping:

SELT has invited to LRAC to rent office space at the new headquarters. After reviewing current needs for storage and easy accessibility to a car, lack of need for meeting spaces, and cost, the consensus was to continue using a storage locker in Dover and decline the invitation to relocate to Epping.

Bacterial Tracking Grant Proposal by Steve Jones, UNH Jackson Lab

During the summer of 2021, Dr. Jones and his students took monthly baseline samples at four sites in Lee, Durham, and Newmarket. Samples were taken to his lab and tested for total coliform bacteria, fecal coliform bacteria, *E. coli* bacteria, and enterococcus. The bacteria were then subjected to microbial source tracking to determine from what organism or class of organisms the bacteria were derived.

Dr. Jones is proposing to add new sites, extend the sampling season to cover April through November, target rain events of .5" or greater, assess the potential for eliminating sources, and compile bacterial data from the greater watershed. The estimated cost for this work is \$9350.

After Dr. Jones left the meeting, discussion ensued. **Patrick Reynolds made a motion to approve the \$9350.00 proposal from Steve Jones to continue and expand bacterial source tracking along the Lamprey River this spring through fall. Therese Thompson seconded. The motion passed with 6 yes votes (including roll call votes from remote attendees) and 2 abstentions.**

Following the vote, it was recommended that future grant applicants submit materials in advance of meetings to give committee members more time to review.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Denis Regan seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.