

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED JANUARY 17, 2023

summary of motions:

- **Mary Ann Krebs made a motion to transfer \$10,000 per month from the operating budget to the land protection account until the budgeted allocation for FY2023 (\$65,000) is exhausted. Dick Lord seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by attendees in person and by roll-call vote from those participating by phone.**
- **Dick Lord made a motion to approve up to \$6,325.00 for a Community Grant to the Newmarket Conservation Commission for improvements at Sliding Rock Park. Patrick Reynolds seconded. Motion was passed unanimously including participants by phone.**

representatives attending in person: Joe Foley (Epping); Dick Lord (Durham); Kitty Miller, 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: Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 7:00.

Zoom presentation with Rosemary Aviste and Dr. Janet Swim, Penn. State U.

Results from a survey sponsored by the LRWA were shared. Based on answers from 168 local participants, the most important factor connecting people's support of river protections is their level of awareness of threats to a working ecosystem and how certain policies address the causes of those threats. It was noted that the amount of time people spent engaged in activities in or near the river had no significant impact on their support of river protections. Visual perceptions of water quality seem to be more important than actual water quality. A written report is forthcoming and will be shared with the committee.

financial update:

Bank account statement, land protection account, and year-to-date budget tracking were shared. No issues were noted.

approval of minutes from September 20, 2022:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Grace Levergood seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by in-person attendees and one attendee by phone. There was an abstention by an attendee by phone.

land protection update:

The FY 2023 budget has \$65,000 allocated for land protection. A suggestion was made to start transferring this money to the land protection account in increments of \$10,000 each month until the allocation is spent. **Mary Ann Krebs made a motion to transfer \$10,000 per month from the operating budget to the land protection account until the budgeted allocation for FY**

2023 (\$65,000) is exhausted. Dick Lord seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by attendees in person and by roll-call vote by those participating by phone.

outreach update:

Outreach efforts in October included a salt marsh ecology presentation and two field trips for older adults and a “Book Bash” session with approximately 60 adults and 60 children at the Lamprey River Elementary School in Raymond.

recreation update:

- The NHDES Wetlands Permit-by-notification for the Lee Public Canoe Access was granted. Grace Levergood recommended that work not start until next year and the committee agreed.
- The kayak launch assist system at Schoppmeyer Park remains problematic. A suggestion was made to enlist a variety of paddlers next year to try the system and make recommendations, and that information be posted to explain safe use. We will also seek user information from the manufacturer.

history update:

- The Lee Board of Selectmen is interested in creating some signage for Wadleigh Falls. Progress seems to be intermittent.
- The fish ladder kiosk panel at Wiswall Falls was damaged by vandals this summer. Damage was mostly to the plastic protective shield, with only minor damage to the artwork. Durham’s insurance covered the cost to replace the plastic shield.

new business:

- **Community Grant application for Sliding Rock (Piscassic Park) in Newmarket:** The Newmarket Conservation Commission is requesting \$6,325.00 to remove 8 hazard trees, create new interpretive panels for the kiosk, assess the short trail with an eye toward improving accessibility, purchase a new kayak rack, and place temporary fencing around an area that is showing signs of overuse. **Dick Lord made a motion to approve up to \$6,325.00 for a Community Grant to the Newmarket Conservation Commission for improvements at Sliding Rock Park. Patrick Reynolds seconded. Motion was passed unanimously including participants by phone.**
- A suggestion was made, and the group agreed by consensus, to cancel the December meeting.
- The group agreed to increase the outreach contractor’s hourly rate by 9.5% for 2023.
- The committee’s projector works fine, but it lacks the appropriate fittings to connect with newer, slimmer laptops. Adapters or cables will be purchased.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Dennis Regan seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.