

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda September 19 15, 2023 7:00 P.M.**  
**Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road**  
**Meeting will be upstairs.**

**Project review 6:15**

\*\* Vote needed to change the name of the person authorized to sign PBNs from Joe to Grace.

- Epping, 30-32 Ladds Lane, shoreland
- Raymond, trailer park water treatment improvements
- Raymond, Jewett warehouse, AoT

bacterial tracking update and proposal for additional work in 2023, Steve Jones:

approval of minutes from August 15, 2023

financial report

vote needed: request for increase in funding for NPS office space, Jim MacCartney:

We have a need to add office space to the existing lease at the Conservation Center in Concord (new hire and existing fellow). This space supports the Lamprey River and other northern New England partnership rivers. The Forest Society has ample space to accommodate this need.

The current rent is \$411.56 per month. The additional space is about \$308.51 per month. The estimated total cost would be \$720.07 per month. We anticipate the effective date of the lease amendment would be September 1, 2023.

It would be good if the LRAC could approve amendment of the existing lease through April 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$750 per month to provide for the additional space. While other northern New England partnership rivers also benefit, the Forest Society needs a single lease holder. The Lamprey is the logical choice because it is entirely within NH. LRAC gets an extra \$5K annually (above other PWSRs) to cover this cost. That amount will be increased next fiscal year to cover the additional space.

Lee Public Canoe access repairs

- Repairs were scheduled for Sept. 11.
- Lee Cons. Comm. is looking for volunteers to help with buckthorn cutting. Tentative dates are Saturday, October 14 and Thursday, October 19 from 9-noon. Please let Suzanne know if you are interested.

other:

- Update on remote meetings, from Tracie Sales (August 15):  
For several years now, the Rivers and Lakes programs, including your volunteer committees, have been supporting efforts to allow state boards, commissions and committees subject to RSA 91-A (the Right-to-Know law) to meet remotely. We are not completely there yet, but we have made some progress.

Governor Chris Sununu has signed [House Bill 308](#) into law. **This revision to RSA 91-A amends the number of voting members that are required to be physically present at a meeting to one third of members, with the remaining members able to participate electronically.** For example,

on a committee of 9 voting members, only 3 need to be present physically while at least two more members participating online can fulfill the standard meeting quorum requirement.

Conditions to the new law:

- HB 308 goes into effect on **October 3, 2023**.
- The committee must vote to allow a member to participate remotely, and the minutes must state why the member was not able to participate in-person (e.g. scheduling conflict, weather, personal reasons, health, etc.).
- All hybrid meetings (with physical and remote participants) must vote via Roll Call.
- Electronic participants must state who else is in the room with them.
- All members, however they are participating, must be able to see and hear one another during the meeting.
- This new law only applies to state committees, commissions and boards, not to county or municipal boards.

Note: To comply, we will need to use Zoom, with all participant faces showing. At least 3 voting representatives will need to be physically present at the designated meeting place. In all likelihood, we will cancel a meeting if we have bad weather or several people are ill. If we face another long-term issue like COVID, we will have to meet this way in the future; no more phone-only meetings.

- RMAC/LMAC ARC GIS, Therese
- River access planning book, Therese
- Conservation Hero awards

future meetings and events:

- next LRAC meeting October 17, 2023
- salt marsh presentation and tour with Newmarket Sunrise Sunset Center September 27 and October 4. LRAC members are welcome to attend. Please contact Suzanne.