

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

representatives attending in person: John Wallace (Barrington); Dick Lord, David Steinberg (Durham); Joe Foley, Lauren Kaehler (Epping); Jim Brady, Kitty Miller, Dennis Regan (Lee); Ben Buckley, Jerry Martin, Patrick Reynolds (Newmarket); Grace Levergood (Northwood); Therese Thompson (Raymond)

representatives attending by phone: none

guests: Kathleen McDonald (Raymond resident), Greg DiBona (Bohler Engineering, Jewett project), Dan Ray (Jewett project), Lori Sommer (SELT)

staff: Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 7:10.

Summary of motions:

- **Dick Lord made a motion to approve up to \$24,720.00 for the Robert Rix property (Deerfield) expansion project costs and long-term management, with a commitment end date of March 31, 2024. Dennis Regan seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

approval of minutes from July 18, 2023:

John Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dick Lord seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

financial report:

The bank account statement and year-to-date expenditures were reviewed with no issues noted.

request for funding from SELT: (Lori Sommer)

Four acres adjacent to the 76-acre Robert Rix property in Deerfield will be donated to SELT by Robert Rix, Jr.. The parcel has 425 feet of frontage along the Lamprey River and is comprised of a well-managed pine-oak-hemlock forest. No trails or public access is proposed. The site meets criteria for several conservation goals at the local, state, and federal levels. SELT is requesting \$24,720.00 to cover project and long-term management costs. The expected closing date is December 31, 2023. **Dick Lord made a motion to approve up to \$24,720.00 for the Robert Rix property (Deerfield) expansion project costs and long-term management, with a commitment end date of March 31, 2024. Dennis Regan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

project review:

- Durham, Ross Road culvert replacement, wetlands.
- Newmarket, 17 Great Cove Road, shoreland, for construction of a second residential dwelling located partially within the 250-foot protected shoreland buffer.

- Newmarket, 13 Moody Point Road, shoreland, for construction of an addition to a residential dwelling located entirely within the 250-foot protected shoreland buffer.
- Lee, 77 Harvey Mill Road, shoreland, for construction of a barn and septic system entirely within the 250-foot shoreland buffer.
- Raymond, Jewett Warehouse, wetlands, for construction of a 200,000 s.f. warehouse and associated pavement, utilities, and stormwater treatment.
- Grace Levergood will be taking over as the project review lead. Will need to notify NHDES and amend Permit-by-Notification procedures to allow the project review lead to sign off in lieu of the committee chair.

management plan revision: water resources section:

Draft text was reviewed. Proposed key future actions were discussed, noting suggested edits, deletions, and additions.

Wekiva Wild and Scenic River, Partnership Meeting summary: Jerry Martin

Jerry represented the LRAC at the gathering last December in Florida. Key impressions of the meeting and the river were shared.

bacterial tracking results so far this year:

The abundant rain has resulted in high bacterial counts all along the river (and statewide) this summer. Moonlight Brook in Newmarket continued to show highly elevated levels. Carroll Beach in Raymond was very high for the first time. Several samples upstream on Moonlight Brook were taken (all reporting elevated levels), but the project budget will not allow for additional samples at this time. A suggestion was made to invite Dr. Jones to attend the next meeting to request additional funding if that would be helpful to this year's study. A proposal to send a letter to NHDES to request a timeline for Newmarket to fix this problem was discussed, but for now, the focus should remain on getting data and sharing it with Newmarket and NHDES with the goal of improving coordination.

outreach:

Paddling activities have been limited this year due to rain and other factors. We will set up a booth at the Lee Fair in September and will be offering a salt marsh tour in October. Paddling will be a priority for 2024.

other:

- Lee Public Canoe Access will be repaired in September, we hope.
- NH Parks will not be expanding the number of campsites at Pawtuckaway Lake as originally planned; instead, they will improve existing facilities.
- The Newmarket Planning Board passed a proposal to more clearly address the prohibition of illicit discharges to the municipal storm drain system. It will go to the town council soon.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Jim Brady seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55.