

**LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2022.**

Members:

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Current:

- ✓ Francis Murphy (Chair) – Nashua (current term expires 01/06/23)
- ✓ Nelson Disco (Vice Chair) – Merrimack (current term expires 06/21/21)
- ✓ George May – Merrimack (current term expired 06/14/20)
Chris Barrett (Secretary) – Nashua (current term expires 08/22/20)
- ✓ Deb Chisholm – Nashua
- ✓ Rachael Caron – Nashua

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. It was conducted at Room 208, Nashua City Hall.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Guests:

Eric Mitchell

New Business

- 1. Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485-A:17);
NHOES File Number: 220810-149 Project Name: Corning Farm at Rivers
Edge. Subject Property: Tax Map# 22, Lot# 14**

The application requests a permit to disturb approximately 518,626 square feet of earth at the subject property in Litchfield.

This Alteration of Terrain application was the subject of a presentation before the LMRLAC at our last meeting, on August 25, 2022, by Eric Mitchell of the engineering firm Eric Mitchell & Associates.

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the site plan documents and answered questions posed to him by Committee members. The development would 2.95 acres of impervious cover to the property, representing about 7.4% of the 40 acres.

- The Committee had the following comments for the consideration of NHDES;

The design calls for the creation of retention ponds designed to handle up to the 50 – year Rainstorm event. Our suggestion is that the retention ponds be enlarged to handle at least the 100-year rainstorm (which seems increasingly likely to occur with more frequency given the climate’s changes). Although any overflow will probably not gain direct access to the Merrimack River, overflow could reach the adjacent wetlands and indirectly reach the Merrimack.

- The site plans do not delineate the so– called trolley trail that crosses the property. We would recommend that a revised plan be created that shows its path.
- Also, possibly in lieu of some payment of mitigation funds to the State for the loss of green space, the Owner and its engineer could enter into more elaborate discussions with Litchfield’s Conservation Committee to make use of the trolley trail to connect the pedestrian traffic from Route 3A and condominium units to the conservation land to the south of the property. Our sense was that residents of this relatively dense cluster of buildings would benefit from easier access to nearby open space for any active or passive recreational purposes.
- We also recommended that a note be added to the plan specifying that only Sno Pro certified contractors be employed to clear the roads and sidewalk during winter storm events.
- Finally, we encouraged the NHDES to continue discussions with the applicant over the PFOAs emitted from the Saint Gobain facility across the river in Merrimack.

Other Business – discussions

Committee members discussed the need for new members to replace departing members.

Adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis G. Murphy