

**Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 28, 2003**

The May meeting was held at the Amoskeag Fishway beginning at 7 PM. Thank you to Helen for hosting the meeting.

**In attendance were:**

George May, Chair, Merrimack  
Helen Dalbeck, Wilton  
Bill Parker, Milford  
Rich Hart, Amherst (and daughter)  
Scott McPhie, Merrimack  
Andy Powell, Merrimack  
Les Tallarico, Wilton  
Spencer Brooks, Wilton  
Steve Couture, NH Rivers Coordinator

The minutes from the April meeting were approved as printed.

The Friends of Temple Mountain did not come to the meeting with a plan to conserve the property because a developer has already put a binder on the property.

Updates: Steve filled everyone in on the status of Instream Flow Rules. The rules are set and will be adopted. Funding is still on hold however. If the Senate Capital Budget Committee approves taking the funds from other DES projects, as proposed, then the pilot study on the Souhegan and Lamprey is ready to begin. The House has already approved the study. A vote is expected within days.

SB 87 re: the Application of Sludge within a river corridor - It was decided that George would write a letter to the Rivers Management Advisory Committee stating that we are opposed to changing the setback from 250'.

Frog Pond - Spencer and Bill explained that 51 houses were presently being proposed for Milford. The Wilton part of the land is too wet. Bill expects that the final proposal may differ substantially from the present and will probably be an open space proposal. The Planning Board has a site walk scheduled and everyone is invited. Bill will email the date, time, and place but thinks it is June 10 at 6 PM. The present earthen dam creating the pond is dangerous and will be removed by the landowner. The committee was concerned for trails and wildlife in the area.

Intervale Road Shoreland Violation - Spencer and Steve had checked with Allison Gouley to see if DES had received a vegetation restoration plan from the owner/builder yet. They have not. Spencer will contact the Wilton Building Inspector to send a letter to them advising them that the town is aware of the need for complying with DES's requirements and will make that part of their occupancy permit and offering to help with a proper vegetation plan.

Scott will check with the homeowner near Seaverns Bridge in Merrimack who received permission to install a dock on the river last fall but had to revegetate the banking. Again we will offer to help with a proper vegetation plan using a list of recommended plants.

Scott and the Town of Merrimack are also monitoring the correction of two other violations in Merrimack.

Milford Golf Course – DES has had an additional site walk since we were out there. Steve believes that DES will recommend a much smaller stabilization than the owner requested. DES has requested considerable documentation from the owner but it has not been received yet. Steve suggested that we consider acquiring the property perhaps using LCHIP funds in order to protect this very desirable property. George will contact the Barretts to see if they would consider selling. Steve will investigate funding.

The Souhegan River Watershed Management Plan – All funding has been approved and Angie expects that work will begin in June-July. It is hoped that the Instream Flow study will work in concert with our plan.

Participation in local events – We should create a display featuring the river that can be set up in watershed libraries and at local events.

Merrimack's DPW built a nice kiosk at Weston Park. George will see about displaying a watershed map in it.

George noted the SWA has a picnic for water quality monitors this Saturday (5/31) and the SWA annual meeting is Monday, June 2, at the Milford Library. The third of three SWA canoe trips on the Souhegan is scheduled for June 22.

Steve will contact Greenville and New Ipswich for members to this committee. If members have recommendations, contact Steve with names.

Spencer noted that the former Quinn, now Pike, quarry is doing some work near Stoney Brook and is concerned about siltation. Spencer will monitor the work.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 25, 7-9 PM, at Wilton Town Hall. Spencer will host.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Minutes by George May.

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