

MINUTES OF THE SOUHEGAN RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting February 19, 2004

In attendance were George May, Kleta Dudley, Celeste Philbrick Barr, Andy Powell, and Spencer Brookes.

Meeting began at 7 00 PM at the Merrimack Town Hall.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Updates

Instream Flow Study – Committee members approved and appointed. They will meet by mid-March.

Frog Pond – Filed site-specific permit application 2/10. Proposed subdivision includes 46 lots. Comments due by March 10. Original proposal was to include trails between the Souhegan River and Carnival Hill. George will contact Diane Fitzpatrick and Bill Parker and with Angie decide how to proceed.

Peterborough Oil gas station on Turnpike Road, New Ipswich-
Gas Station/car wash project withdrawn.

State of the Watershed Meeting – May 26th at the Milford Town Hall. We should have a roving display going from one town library to another prior to the meeting to drum up interest. Press Releases need to go out when participants are firmed up. Potential sponsors of the event can also include: Souhegan Watershed Assoc, Souhegan Valley Land Trust, Milford Stormwater Team, the WAMPA, Amoskeag Fishways and US Fish & Wildlife Salmon Program. At March meeting we need to divide up list of potential participants and book them. We can seek sponsorship by Monadnock Water, Tom's Of Maine (River Stories programs) and/or Stoneyfield Yogurt.

The meeting should have exhibits for homeowners as well as information for professional land and water managers.

Spencer is meeting with Velma _____, the author of a book on the Souhegan River. Perhaps, if her timing is right, she could have a book signing at the State of the Watershed meeting.

New Business

Angie wrote up an application for NHDES Small Outreach and Education Grant Program to get materials for a brochure and display. We would like a permanent display board for traveling to various towns, with color photographic enlargements of the river mounted on foamcore. We need to think about what the display should say. "The Souhegan – It's Your River" some eye catching title.

George asked if we should plan a river cleanup for Earth Day. The Horseshoe is a natural place to hold one. We could invite WLHS and High Mowing students. Celeste asked if maybe there was a location in New Ipswich or Greenville we could work at to attract interest in our mission upstream.

Merrimack River Watershed Council canoe trips brochure is printed.



March 16, 2004

Local Updates

Merrimack

- Stormwater management and handling document is completed for Merrimack. It contains best management practices.
- The Souhegan dam has been inspected by DES. Pennichuck requested that the deficiencies be addressed after the dam removal study is complete.

New Ipswich

- Doug with the Conservation Commission is looking into the designation of prime wetlands.

Wilton

- New zoning ordinance to be voted on banning underground storage tanks in aquifer protection district.
- The Route 31 sandpit is being expanded to >1000' from the river.

The next meeting is Thursday March 18th at 7:00 PM at the Milford Wadleigh Library.

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