

SOUHEGAN RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2004

The meeting was held at the Merrimack Town Offices.

In attendance:

George May, Merrimack
Angela Vincent, NRPC
Les Tallarico, Wilton
Andy Powell, Merrimack
Celeste Philbrick Barr, Milford
Helen Dalbeck, Wilton
Rich Hart, Amherst
Kleta Dudley, New Ipswich
Doug Waitt, New Ipswich

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Milford Boys & Girls Club—Dredge and Fill application was reviewed. The committee feels that the project has not fully explored stormwater avoidance and minimization. SoRLAC does not believe that a 70foot underground pipe to the river is appropriate stormwater management. [The Milford Conservation Commission does not approve of this proposal either].

SoRLAC would like to know the estimated volume of water that would enter the swale during a ten year storm. SoRLAC would prefer to see a system that treats stormwater onsite and which would overflow to the river only in the event of a 25-year storm or worse. Why is a swale paved?

There is nothing indicated in the plan for the treatment of petroleum products. The committee felt that especially in view of the fact the B&G Club will be a centrally located community center located extremely close to the Souhegan River with a footbridge to Keyes Field, it should be a model for the community and demonstrate state-of-the-art handling of stormwater.

The Town of Milford falls under EPA Phase II Stormwater Regulations. This requires a stormwater pollution prevention plan.

George offered to write a letter to T.F. Moran, engineers for the project; the Milford Conservation Commission and Bill Parker, Milford Town Planner.

Construction of a new Methodist Church—Milford

The committee reviewed the plan for the new church to be located on North River Road. Comments were favorable on the design and the setback from the road. Swales are designed around all the parking lots. SoRLAC would like confirmation that all stormwater will be treated onsite. We would request they follow EPA Stormwater Phase II regulations. A stormwater

catch basin and maintenance schedule should be included in the plans and notes. This is located in a sensitive groundwater protection district. George will write a letter with these comments.

Lower Ashby Road Bridge, New Ipswich

Plan includes removing three culverts and replacing with an open bottom bridge. Committee saw this as an improvement over the existing culverts. Erosion controls should be used in the reconstruction. A Souhegan River crossing sign should be posted at this bridge.

Nashua Salmon Hatchery Tours

The last salmon hatchery tours for schools is taking place this week as part of the Adopt-a-Salmon program.

Wilton-- There is a new entrance (100 foot paved road) to the Pitcherville gravel pit.

Merrimack—Wetland complaint on Beacon Road

Milford—Growth Management Ordinance proposed including 1-year moratorium on new building permits.

The next meeting will be January 20 at _____.