

**SOUHEGAN RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF May 19, 2005**

The meeting was preceded by a site visit to the Horseshoe (a stretch of the Souhegan River off Burns Hill Road in Wilton).

The meeting began at 7 pm at the Wilton Town Hall.

In attendance:

George May, Merrimack

Celeste Philbrick Barr, Milford

Kleta Dudley, New Ipswich

Helen Dalbeck, Wilton

Spencer Brooks, Wilton

Kathy Nelson, NRPC

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Old Business:

George wrote a letter to NHDES re: the **Hayward Farms/Barrett Golf Course** proposal. He has not received a response yet. He is concerned that near hole #11, the Barretts have stockpiled stumps along the river likely in preparation for another dredge and fill permit application to do additional bank stabilization. The completed areas look good according to George, but it will be interesting to see where the river redirects its energy now.

DES has instructed the Barretts to make their water withdrawals from the river because pumping into ponds may create or access unknown problems in conjunction with the Savage well Superfund site.

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Spencer recommended convening the June meeting at 6:30 to look at photos of the river and select some for the educational display board. **Celeste will check if the Wadleigh's projector can be used or perhaps Diane can access another.**

Kath Nelson, NRPC, explained her availability to assist with the development of the Souhegan River Management Plan. In an effort to gain public input into the Souhegan River Management Plan, we discussed having a SORLAC member from each town schedule appointments with the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen for 15 minutes and with the Planning Board for 30 minutes (15 for SorLAC survey completion and 15 minutes for Angie to explain results of Watershed Audit of various towns on the Souhegan). Note: Angie will be out of town June 10-20. These appointments are for the purpose of having representatives of the Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, Public Works and Selectmen complete the Souhegan River Survey put together by Doug Waitt. There is not enough time to get this survey out to the general public and so it is hoped that good input can be obtained by these representatives from each town. Doug has emailed the survey to everyone for final comment. The surveys can be printed out directly or obtained from Angie at NRPC who is reformatting them slightly.

SorLAC members were wondering if Angie could get the survey on the NRPC website and then we could put out press releases to the public to print it out and mail it in completed.

Milford: Celeste & Diane
Amherst: Rich Hart
New Ipswich- Kleta and Doug
Merrimack- George and Andy
Greenville-Marshall
Wilton-Les & Spencer
Temple-
Mason-Spencer
Mont Vernon-
Lyndeborough-
Ashburnham & Ashby—Helen
NH DOT units- Spencer and Helen-Temple unit
Others-

Spencer will see some folks from the latter towns at the Souhegan Valley Land Trust and Regional Open Space Team meetings and will ask them to fill out survey and to take some for others to mail in. Spencer will also email a copy to Marge Swope to circulate via email to town Conservation Commissions that are not represented on SORLAC.

Extra copies should be dropped in each Town Hall and Library.

New Business-

Rich Hart, Julie Smith and others cleaned up a stretch of the Souhegan River in Greenville in mid-May.

George received a dredge and fill permit application from NH DOT for the replacement of an existing culvert in Wilton. There is no problem with the project. Spencer will hold onto it.

There is a Merrimack River Watershed Council Kayak and Canoe trip scheduled on the Souhegan June 18 at 10 am [easy]. Rich Hart is the leader. Start at Route 122 north side of bridge past Amherst Country Club.

Updates:

Souhegan Watershed Association is beginning to do salmon fry release programs with schools from Mid-May until Mid-June.

George is doing some outreach education classes in New Ipswich using the Enviroscape model to teach about Watersheds.

There is a Souhegan Monitoring Picnic scheduled June 4 from 11 am -2 at the Amherst Country Club.

Spencer reports that the Regional Open Space Team is undertaking an online mapping project of trails in the region. Clicking on a map of trails will popup information on that particular stretch of trail.

Wilton has put together an MtBE fact sheet because their municipal well has detectable (5 ug/L) of MtBE. They do not know the source yet.

Wilton is also undertaking a Natural Resource Inventory.

We determined that elections for SorLAC officers are not until October. As the time nears Spencer and Rich will contact the officers and ask if they want to stay on.

The next meeting will be June 16 at 6:30 at the Wadleigh Library. We will preview photos from 6:30-7 pm.