

Minutes of the Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee
New Ipswich Town Hall
September 15, 2005

In attendance were Diane Fitzpatrick Les Tallarico, Rich Hart, Marshall Buttrick, Doug Waitt, Nelson Disco and Kleta Dudley

Meeting began at 7:15 P.M. at the New Ipswich Town Office

Minutes of August meeting approved.

Updates

Goldsmith Brook, Route 31, Wilton- Power lines are being strung on poles.

Capt. Clark Bridge- Spencer Brookes is currently working with the Red Cross and there is no update available.

Management Plan- Doug Waitt handed out the first 3 chapters of the plan to representatives from each town and asked them to review issues regarding their own town. For example, not all areas are properly described in the Scenic Area section. Get any changes back to Doug by September 30 and he will collate the information. His email is dwaitt@adelphia.net

Education- No report available

Old Business- None

New Business- None, except we had a short discussion at this point about the DNA testing that is being done.

Local Updates

Souhegan Watershed Association.-Nothing to report

Souhegan Walley Land Trust- Nothing to report

New Ipswich- Doug Waitt reported that the Conservation Commission had heard 4 request for permits related to wetlands. Currently in New Ipswich one only needs a special exception to get around wetland ordinance and they are very easy to obtain. He will be meeting with Planning Board and ZBA to begin to develop stricter rules that would hopefully favor cluster development over the current tendency of rural sprawl.

Greenville-Nothing to report

Wilton- The Wilton Lyndboro School District contacted the Wilton Conservation Commission about 76 Acres of land that has become available next to the school property. The Conservation Commission suggested the school district buy the land. It is being offered at ` \$10,000.00/acre. There is a bond hearing this week and a School Board meeting Oct. 19th. Les noted that two doctors own the lots next to this piece of lane and if the Conservation Commission could somehow procure that property it would join up to Conservation land and form a substantial corridor along Stoney Brook.

Milford- Milford is in the middle of an interim growth phase and there is nothing to report

Merrimack-There has been a gift of 12 acres to the town. The property was formerly known as the Harcross Site. It is located on the North side of the Souhegan , east of Route 3, near the bridge practically downtown in Merrimack. The land was contaminated as a result of industrial waste but has been cleaned up enough that is is safe for surface use. It is intended to be used for recreational use and will make the river more publicly accessible.

Amherst- Nothing to report

The next meeting will be in Greenville, October 20, 2005, in the meeting room downstairs from the town hall (old Court room) at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kleta Dudley
Secretary pro tem