

Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

January 19, 2006

Amherst, NH

Present at meeting: Les Tallarico, Diane Fitzpatrick, Rich Hart, Marshall Butterick, Kleta Dudley, George May and Celeste Barr.

Updates

SorLAC display will be on exhibit at the Trails Expo February 26 at the Milford Town Hall hosted by the Milford Conservation Commission.

Dates for exhibit: Milford Voting March 7
Merrimack Town Deliberative Session March 7
Merrimack School Deliberative Session March 9
Merrimack Voting April 11
Rich will email Amherst dates to Celeste.

George will send out future SorLAC agendas as NRPC does not have funds to prepare for or attend our meetings.

November 2005 minutes were amended and will be resent to all.

The Souhegan River Management Plan has been presented to the towns of Milford, Merrimack, Wilton, New Ipswich, Greenville and Amherst. George will contact NRPC for final copies of the management plan.

Old Farm Gold Course-Milford- The dredge and fill permits were denied by NH DES 12/19/05. Additional information requested was not provided within 120 day so the permit application would need to be resubmitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Merrimack Village Dam—SoRLAC submitted a letter of support for the grant to study removal of the dam. A letter was also sent to the River Restoration Program for another grant application.

SoRLAC needs to schedule a meeting in Merrimack to hold a preliminary meeting (in daylight) to take a site walk to Village Dam and Wildcat Falls.

Souhegan Watershed Assoc.- Ken Butenhof may not be available for 2006 water monitoring program. SWA has details of official access points on the Souhegan River on their website. Diane suggested posting signs on the river to tell boaters where they can and cannot get out of the river.

Deb Hinsman of Cold River LAC relayed to George that the NH Legislature is examining the sludge application bills so we need to keep an eye on that subject.

Celeste shared that Beaver Brook Association is hosting a Maple Sugar Fest: Celebrating Nature's Resources. If the SorLAC display is unused, she will set it up. NRWA, NRPC and other regional environmental groups will be displaying information there.

The Adopt-a-Salmon program is progressing for the 2006 school year. Classrooms will be receiving their eggs in early February.

The next meeting is scheduled on Feb 16 at 7 pm in **Merrimack - in the Finance Committee Meeting Room (on the first floor of the Old Town Hall building).**