

Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

May 18, 2006
Merrimack, NH

Present at meeting: Marshall Buttrick, George May, Les Tallarico, Rich Hart, Andy Powell and Celeste Barr.

There was a pre-meeting tour of Wildcat Falls and the Merrimack Village Dam from 6-7:30 pm. The meeting began at 7:30 in the Town Hall. The April 2006 minutes were approved.

New Business

Souhegan Management Plan---next steps:

Rich presented the Management plan to the Amherst Planning Board on 5/17. They would like more detail about the plan and help deciding what to do with it next. The group decided that a representative from each town should present suggested priorities to for that town to the planning boards by September 2006. This will allow enough time to draft a plan of action, ballot articles if necessary, hold public hearings etc.

The assignment for each SORLAC member is read the entire plan then bring 1-3 target priorities for their town (taken from the plan) to the next SorLAC meeting in June.

Marshall said Greenville needs to work on setbacks.

Rich mentioned that Amherst is just starting their Master Plan revision (after 20 years) so he will encourage the Water Resources subcommittee to adopt/incorporate the Souhegan Management plan right into the Amherst Master Plan.

George will request a copy of the plan on CD, plus maps and NRPC powerpoint presentation, be sent to each SORLAC member.

River Crossing Signs-

George wants reps from each town to submit to him a drawing of every river crossing in their town (on separate pieces of paper). These are required in order to obtain state money for the river crossing signs.

Updates

Souhegan Watershed Association-

-undertook a cleanup of the Horseshoe in Wilton 30 bags of trash were picked up.

-SWA's next meeting is at the Wadleigh library on the first Monday of the month.

-Due to flooding and high water conditions, fish releases with regional schools are being rescheduled

Wilton

-DES inspected the Pike Industries sand and gravel operation ponds three weeks after their release. They did not find a problem.

-Les and Spencer are working on a Natural Resource Inventory for Wilton with 7-8 maps.

Merrimack

-(long-standing) beach/dock situation in Merrimack continues without completion of all the DES stabilization requirements being accomplished. George will check with Scott McPhee, Community Development rep and M.C.C. regarding the monitoring of this situation.

Amherst

Rich Hart has been nominated to the Amherst Planning Board.

Next meeting June 15 at 7 pm in the town offices in New Ipswich. Marshall suggested meeting quarterly. We decided to try that and have George call a meeting if he received permit-related time-sensitive information for us to respond to.

The September meeting will be in Amherst.