

Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

Wadleigh Library, Milford New Hampshire

December 21, 2017

In attendance were members George May (Merrimack), Bill Mahar (Wilton), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Rich Hart (Amherst), Robert Clemens (Amherst), and Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich).

Approval of Minutes from September 2017- We neglected to do this.

New Business

Sun Mart Citgo-This was a tank and pump replacement that is proposed at a gas station on Route 13 north of the oval in Milford. George had already told the applicant to go ahead with ordering tanks due to the fact that he felt he didn't want to hold up the progress of the work. The paperwork was in order, but George did not receive a tracking number from DES. George did send out the plans for committee members to review and comment on. We were okay with the plans. Rich commented that his only concern would be that any gas spills would not be washed away by excesses of rainfall.

SoRLAC update to Town Reports-George is already started working on this. It was suggested he include the statistics of the number of plans that we have reviewed in his report. It will be a general report and not specific to any particular town. He will email it out to members and they will forward on to their town's clerk.

Local Updates

SWA- Apparently the Land Clerk in New Ipswich accidentally sent an annual check to the Organization this past month made out to Monadnock Conservancy. George has returned the check but noted that emails to Bob Boynton, chairman of New Ipswich's Conservation Commission went unanswered and George was curious as to what might be the reason. Kleta is to look into it.

Souhegan Valley Land Trust-No news

New Ipswich-Conservation Commission is reviewing criteria for assessing property that would be considered for conservation and the different means of facilitating that end.

Greenville-No news

Wilton-Bill Mahar reported that the town has received a notification that the owner (**Bill Sam** Proctor) of the 3 lots that comprise Horseshoe Falls is willing to sell the

property to the town. Bill Mahar thinks the asking price is around \$300,000. ~~The Conservation Commission~~WCC is looking ~~at anyat would the liabilities and other~~ issues ~~the town~~ might ~~have~~be if they were to ~~own-purchase~~ the property.

Granite benches and lighting have been installed on the river trail behind the Police Station. There is an effort in Wilton to connect trails. George noted that there is a nice trail on private land on the other side of the river and parking is available. A footbridge would be useful to tie the trails together.

Milford- Nothing to report

Merrimack-Work is being done on a trail on the north side of the river to Wildcat Recreation Area.

Amherst-Rich Hart reported that several committees are working on a bicycle and pedestrian trail through town along a rail bed from the old high school out toward La Belle Winery. This effort is a result of reviewing of a wish list from the 2010 Master Plan.

Rich also noted that the Conservation Commission is putting trails online with Souhegan Valley Landtrust.

Next Meeting Jan. 18, 2018 George reminded everyone that he will be stepping down as Chairman. Kleta will not be attending meeting but is willing to continue as Secretary.

Submitted by Kleta Dudley, Secretary

December 22, 2017