

Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

Police Station, Milford New Hampshire

March 21, 2019

In attendance were members Cory Ritz (New Ipswich), George May (Merrimack), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Nelson Disco (Merrimack), Cam Lockwood (Temple), Jim Taylor (Hollis), Robert Clemens (Amherst), and Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich,)

Approval of Minutes -Approved from January 2019. There was a discussion about when to post minutes, before or after corrections and whether to put them up on Facebook. George will post to Facebook after the group has had an opportunity to correct. Kleta sends out minutes and gives a week for people to send corrections then sends to NRPC and to the State. Kleta will be gone in April, Celeste had offered to take minutes (to the relief of everyone present at this meeting.)

Business

Special Hermetic Products, Inc.-They had applied for a limited hazardous waste permit application to treat electroplating rinse water and discharge to the city of Milford.

Jim Taylor (whose job in a previous life was to review these permits for town of Merrimack before retiring from WWTP) said the application looked like a renewal, everything seemed in order. He said the numbers looked good. The water is not being discharged into the River but they needed the permit to discharge into Milford's system. If anything, he would have liked clarification on how they were doing it, if it was a manually operated system or otherwise.

We agreed on approval, and Cory will send a letter DES noting this.

Facebook Postings- See above in "approval of minutes."

LAC-Meeting- The Souhegan will be well represented at Saturday's meeting as Cory, Cam, Jim, Nelson and George will be attending.

Riparian Plantings-Progress on this has halted as Celeste informed us of a meeting that she had with a representative from NRPC who felt the site was not suitable for the project we had hoped to do with the Boys and Girls Club. The representative indicated that the area needed more work on bank stabilization than the planting we had planned would accomplish. It could be a major engineering project that the town needs to address.

Cory suggested we do a kind of photo journal of the area to track the changes. For now the project was put on hold till Celeste was present.

A brief discussion followed on past projects and whether any follow up was in order. George had checked out the McCabe property and brought us up to date on the ongoing erosion control at that site. More discussion on need to educate on the importance of protecting tributaries and the perennial issue of dam removal.

Overlook Estates- George May (former chairman) had received a request for an AOT (Alteration of Terrain Permit) from Overlook Estates to fix the corner there. He passed the paperwork along to Cory but we didn't anticipate any issues with this.

Local Updates

Souhegan Watershed Association- George handing out new baseball caps to folks who were not at December's meeting. Canoe trips are being planned for this year.

New Ipswich- Nothing to do with River

Greenville- Nothing to report except two large trees fell into river on New Ipswich/Greenville line. No action to be taken.

Temple- Cathy and Cam will be scouting places to water test along Blood Brook when the weather gets a little better.

Wilton-Sustainability Fair is May 4.

Milford-Nothing to report but Cam asked about a rumor of a Dollar store going in on the Milford Wilton line.

Merrimack-There are Jersey Barriers in the area of Severn's Bridge area. Nelson doesn't know details but the thought they might be beginning improvements to the canoe port. He said they may be putting a second canoe site in as well. These had been in the capital plans for several years. George was going to look into it. There is work on the trail between Watson Park and Wildcat Falls.

Amherst-Nelson asked about article in Warrant for improvements for the Rail Trail. The grant got shut down so not sure what is happening. They were trying to make the trail that goes through town more friendly. The railroad was the Manchester-Milford Line. The Conservation Commission has a lot of the right of ways but some of the trail is in private ownership.

Next Meeting-April 18, at the **Police Station**

Submitted by Kleta Dudley, sec. March 30, 2019