

Members:

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- Bob Robbins (Chair) – Hudson
- ✓ Kathryn Nelson (Vice Chair) -- Nashua
- ✓ Karen Archambault (Secretary) -- Nashua
- Glenn McKibben (Treasurer) – Litchfield
- George May - Merrimack
- ✓ Jim Barnes – Hudson
- Ray Peeples – Litchfield
- Stan Kazlouskas – Hudson

Associate Members:

Millie Mugica – Nashua

Also in attendance:

- ✓ Lucy St. John, planner, City of Nashua

The meeting was called to order at 7pm in the Nashua Public Library Theater.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 25, 2008 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Elections

The following slate of officers was proposed:

Bob Robbins – Chair
Kath Nelson – Vice Chair
Karen Archambault – Secretary
Jim Barnes – Treasurer

The slate of officers was accepted as proposed for the coming year.

New Business

Beazer East, Nashua

Lucy summarized the Beazer East site tour that took place on Monday, October 6. The site is in Nashua to the north of Greeley Park and adjacent to the Merrimack River. Lucy attended the walk and stated that it was well attended by roughly 60 individuals. She said the tour included representatives from the EPA, technical staff representing the property owner, and DES. Lucy indicated the tour focused on the southern portion of the site. During the tour, creosote seepage from the bank into the river was visible. Lucy mentioned that during the tour, it was indicated that river sediment had been tested and most of the contamination was within 10 to 20 feet of the shore. Lucy said a brochure was handed out on the tour and added she will look for her copy and forward it to Kath for LAC members to see.

Kath had sent a request to DES for more information on the site and received a response from Mike McCluskey, the DES Hazardous Waste Remediation Bureau Project Manager. Kath also indicated that DES is aware there's increased interest in the site by the City and that DES agreed to notify us in advance about any future meetings. Kath had also asked Minda to discuss with Steve Williams the possibility of NRPC hosting an informational meeting about the site.

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Paul Wiggins has kept the LAC informed of the sheen on the river at this location.

Kath asked whether Nashua's Master Plan had specific plans for the Beazer site. Lucy said she would look into it.

Members briefly discussed the Greeley Park boat ramp and the issues with the railroad crossing that stood in the way of improving the ramp. Lucy mentioned that the boat ramp had been mentioned during the site walk. Kath informed Lucy that LMRLAC wants to keep aware of the possibility of a boat ramp in the area, whether it be an improved Greeley Park ramp or a new boat ramp in the vicinity.

Members discussed what the next step should be and agreed to decide about further action or inquiry once a report comes out on the status of the Beazer site. At that time the LAC could ask for a representative to come in and explain the findings.

Kath will get back to the Mike McCluskey to request copies of any reports generated about remediation status and options on the site and a potential public information meeting in Nashua.

Old Business Recreation Plan

Kath handed out copies – both CDs and hard copies – of the river corridor Recreation Plan that NRPC had submitted to DES. Members decided to review the plan and give their feedback to Kath. The plan is available at the DES FTP site, or members can get their CD or hard copy from Kath.

Members briefly discussed the plan and expressed concern that it did not offer guidance on trail location (e.g. either on the 'shelf' along the bank or at the top of the bank) or stream crossing guidance. Members briefly reviewed the maps and noted that outfalls and potential beach areas were marked on the five trail focus areas within the corridor.

Members agreed to have Kath ask Minda to attend the November/December meeting to discuss the recreation plan.

Rotary Common Letter of Support

Kath stated she sent the LAC's letter of support about Rotary Common in Nashua. Lucy thanked the LAC for the letter and indicated Nashua received 17 letters of support for the project. She also stated that there had been up to 60 applications for the grant monies, and that the grant is for the 2009 Conservation Grant program (a.k.a. 'moose plate' money). Lucy expects to know around mid-November if Nashua was awarded some or all of its request for fifty thousand dollars.

Corridor Management Plan Merrimack Planning Board

LMRLAC is on the agenda of the Merrimack Planning Board meeting of November 18 to introduce the updated Corridor Management Plan. Karen said she would get Bob a hard copy of the plan to leave with the board. Kath will ask Minda for CD copies of the plan and hard copies of the goals and actions.

Nashua Planning Board – Follow up Meeting

Lucy will check upcoming agendas for the Nashua Planning Board and keep the LAC informed when a follow up meeting can be scheduled.

New Business

Hudson – 32 Executive Drive – building expansion

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Members reviewed the packet of information received from Maynard and Paquette on building expansion at 32 Executive Drive in Hudson. The building additions are outside the 150-foot CSPA zone but within the 250-foot zone. All the site changes are outside Hudson's 50-foot buffer. The plan received for review had a plan date of 2-21-08 with a revision date of 9-26-08.

Kath will draft a letter to the Hudson Planning Department with the LAC's concerns and questions, as follows:

- drainage on the site – to have the plan show where the drainage is all directed
- particulars about the Heritage Trail easement that is indicated on the plans, and what access is available to the easement on this site
- how much total impervious surface is being added to the site
- having a copy of the plan with a stamp, indicating review by a wetland scientist

Merrimack – 28 Railroad Avenue

Members also reviewed plans received from Cuoco and Cormier for a proposed 36-unit condominium development. The site is located at the southwest corner of the confluence of the Souhegan and the Merrimack. The packet included a Shoreland Permit Application and a filled-out copy of the LMRLAC checklist.

Members discussed what should be classified as impervious surface for purposes of showing percentage on site. This site included cracked pavement with plant growth in it. Members expressed the view that this should not qualify as existing impervious surface for the calculations due to its condition.

Kath will draft a letter about this project with the following concerns and questions:

- whether there is asbestos or other hazardous materials on the site
- whether the cracked pavement should qualify as existing impervious surface for calculation
- concerns about fill in the 100-year floodplain
- pretreatment of stormwater for the parking areas within the 250-foot CSPA buffer
- references in the Recreation Plan to a beach area and trails near the site and to show access to same

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, December 4, at the Nashua Public Library. If there is no space available at the library that evening, the meeting place will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Archambault
secretary