

**LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 31, 2003**

Chairman Stan Kazlouskas called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in the NRPC conference room.

Members present:

Stan Kazlouskas, Rick Maddox, Jim Barnes, John Mitterholzer, Will Jewett, Glenn McKibben, George May, Ray Peeples, George May. Allan Fuller, from the Pennichuck Watershed Council, was introduced as a probable new member from Nashua. Angie Rapp, NRPC Staff.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed.

Updates

- Depot Street access – After looking at the plans for the parking area it was decided that Angie would ask that the plans be modified so there would be better passage for canoes being carried down the ramp. As it is, pedestrians would have to walk out onto the road to get to the ramp. Perhaps removing a flower planter would help.
- SB87 has been signed into law. This creates a commission to examine the possibility of spreading sludge within 250' of rivers. There are two LAC openings on the committee. Michele Trembley from the Upper Merrimack LAC and Debby Hinman from the Cold River LAC, will be appointed and will represent all the LAC's.
- Instream Flow Rules – The money for studying the Souhegan as a pilot for all NH rivers is in the state budget which has not yet been signed. We are cautiously optimistic that it will remain there when the budget is finally signed.
- Beazer property – Nothing new to report. Beazer still has not reported additional cleanup information to DES.
- Greeley Park boat ramp – George will try to contact the Boy Scout that was planning to construct a kiosk last year to find out what's going on.

Old Business

- The Johnston application to construct a roadway across wetlands in Litchfield – The plans are not completed but George will put together a letter expressing our concerns and that we will comment more fully when the plans are final.
- The site-specific application for the 32 lot subdivision in Hudson – We will ask that the requirements of the Shoreland Protection Act be listed in each deed for the lots along the river; that markers for the 150' and 250' setbacks be noted on the plans and physically on the ground; and that the developer give each owner a brochure detailing what can and cannot be done within the 250' setback. Further, it was felt that a cluster development would be better for everyone concerned with the land along the river kept as open space. And the project should be done in phases to prevent the huge disturbance of land if developed as presented. An easement for a public pedestrian trail along the river should be given to the town.

New Business

- Trolley House Village, a site-specific application in Litchfield – A new plan will be coming according to Ray who said the LCC suggested improvements that the developers accepted

and will change. We will send a letter to DES, and copy to Steve Wagner, NRPC, stating that we know it will be changed and will review it after the changes.

Other

George circulated a letter to F&G asking that we meet to finally build the long overdue cartop boat access in Litchfield.

- Will noted that certain culverts on Rte 3A in Litchfield drain to Ron's Pond.
- Allan noted that the Beazer property still needs major cleaning up before it can be used. He suggested it would be better paved.
- Angie will contact the Nashua Planning Board to make sure the LAC gets plans with an opportunity for timely comments. We should be on their checklist.
- The condo development behind the former Goodale's Bike Shop on the Nashua River was discussed.
- The East Hollis Street management planning was discussed.
- Rick noted a need for LAC training. The state conference in November was mentioned as a worthwhile opportunity to get information and see what other LAC's are doing. This led to education in general and it was suggested that we hold meetings with each town's planning board and conservation commission to explain the SPA, ideas for riverside easements, and other things that all the towns should be doing. NRPC does have a Power Point presentation on the SPA.
- George asked that these ideas for education and also our plans for creating a display board be included on next month's agenda.
- We do have a website at <http://www.nashuarpc.org/envplanning/lmrlac.htm>. Ray will put a link from the Litchfield website to this page and other towns should do the same.
- The LMRLAC monitoring program is going well. The E. Coli bacteria counts between Manchester and Tyngsborough have been very low so far this season. None of the sites had levels higher than 88 for three of the four tests so far this year.
- LMRLAC is the co-sponsor with MRWC for a canoe trip on Oct 5 between Depot Street and Greeley Park.
- George noted that a benefactor has put down a deposit to purchase the Harcross property in Merrimack and donate it to the town for public use - possibly a library, auditorium, park, and extension of Front Street along the river.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for August 28,2003 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
George May, Secretary