

Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

Milford Police Department, Milford New Hampshire

October 15, 2015

In attendance were members George May & Nelson Disco (Merrimack), Yvonne Beran & Celeste Barr (Milford), Bill Mahar & Spencer Brookes (Wilton), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Cory Ritz, (New Ipswich), and Paul Indeglia (Amherst).

Chris Well, Executive Director of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy attended as a guest.

With the addition of Greenville after Marshall's name, the **Minutes from September 2015 were accepted.**

Old Business

Jones Crossing-- Discussed whether a NH Protected River sign was appropriate at this site. There are such signs identifying the Souhegan just around the corner on the Veteran's bridge so this might be redundant. A letter from Hoyle, Tanner and Associates was received detailing the removal of the bridge and the completion of the project.

Kinder Morgan Pipeline Update- New route maps have been generated again this week with modifications to include the pipeline paralleling 101A Railroad to Continental Blvd in Merrimack, following the perimeter of the Fidelity property in Merrimack and east of the Outlet Mall along the highway.

Piscataquog Land Conservancy update- Chris Wells gave an overview of the PLC. The PLC hold outright deeds or conservation easements on 102 properties. Chris described the staff, funding sources, annual budget and expertise of the PLC. The PLC is reaching out to neighboring towns that are not served by a staffed land trust to assist with land conservation efforts.

CVS in Milford- no new comments

Tree cutting along Route 101 (Elm St.) Milford. We are not sure who cut the trees and whether there is a violation of the Shoreland Protection Act. Celeste will contact DES about this.

New Business

Corey will be offering the Committee some Stream Biology presentations at future meetings when time allows.

Local Updates

Trails-Bart Hunter was unable to attend this meeting but will be scheduled for a future visit.

Souhegan Watershed Association-nothing

Souhegan Valley Land Trust-Nothing

Amherst-

1. looking at canoeport at Seaverns Bridge and County Road for some upgrading of canoe launch and surroundings.
2. researching water education funding
3. investigating EPA and other grant funds for investigation of high coliform counts at confluence of Beaver Brook and Souhegan River
4. Paul considering approaching McCabe re: seeking funding for rehabilitation of McCabe's shoreland property.

New Ipswich- Kinder Morgan might be considering a natural gas compression station in New Ipswich

Greenville-DES is investigating a Shoreline violation behind Chamberlain Mill. A tree was cut down. Marshall suspects it is a neighborly feud.

Wilton-nothing.

Milford-Fletcher Superfund Site being prepared for cleanup to start

Merrimack-Watson Park has a large new attractive kiosk with a Souhegan River Watershed map on it along with other aquatic organisms.

Next Meeting Nov 19, 2015

Celeste Barr, Interim Secretary