

## SoRLAC

Ambulance Station, Milford New Hampshire

April 21, 2016

In attendance were members George May (Merrimack), Celeste Barr (Milford), Spencer Brooks (Wilton), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Bill Mahar (Wilton), Nelson Disco (Merrimack), Cory Ritz (New Ipswich), Paul Indeglia (Merrimack), Yvonne Beran (Milford), Kleta, Dudley (New Ipswich), and guest speaker Chris Guida for Fieldstone Land Consultants.

Meeting began at 7 p.m.

### **Approved of minutes from March's meeting**

### **Updates**

#### **Fletcher Paint Cleanup and re-dredging bottom of Souhegan River-**

George will contact EPA to invite a representative to a future meeting (maybe May) to go over some questions we have of the "reviewable plan" and to offer some comments.

Celeste was dismayed that water monitoring on Souhegan will be suspended while the test boring is being done.

George would like to see a canoe port and river access included in the restoration. Celeste will mention it to members of the Recreation Committee.

When the Superfund Site is completed, we would like to support efforts to stabilize bank at the Boys' and Girls' Club. Discussion followed as to timeline for doing this and resources needed. It was decided we should wait till next spring to apply for Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) funds. In the meantime, we should schedule a site walk and work on a plan. Celeste would like to incorporate help from the kids and Cory has some experience with engaging the public in these activities.

**John Field Presentation of "Why Do Rivers Do That?"**- This presentation is scheduled for June 1, 2016 at the Milford Town Hall at 7 p.m. There is some questions as to how this is to be funded. George will make inquiries.

**Pipeline**-Kinder-Morgan announced it is suspending the building of this pipeline indefinitely for now.

**AoT Permit Application for Chestnut Hill, Merrimack** – There is nothing new to report. We asked DES to hold permit in limbo till all comments are addressed. The applicants want approval from state first. DES has asked for more information. It is a chicken and egg situation. Our major questions concern general drain off from site.

## **New Business**

**Shoreland Permit Application, Shawn Farrell, Wilson Hill Rd, Merrimack**-Chris Guida of Fieldstone Land Consultants, representing owner Shawn Farrell, answered questions about a permit application. The property has been divided into 3 lots. The largest is a 22 Acre lot. A home (footprint of 24ft. by 38ft, including decks and garage) is being built on this lot and it falls slightly within the 250 ft. shoreline buffer zone to the river. The owner has already been to Planning Board and dealt with driveway issues (driveway grade vs. filling wetlands.) As water run-off was our main concern, Paul commented that it would be preferable to see the roof run off buried. The driveway is already proposed to stay gravel. Chris also noted that Fieldstone is proposing an expansion to existing culvert where the driveway exits to the road.

George will send a letter to DES. It will request that storm water be directed sub surface and the owner be provided with a pamphlet detailing what the SPA requires as far as use of fertilizers (not within 50 feet of river.) There was discussion about placing markers denoting shoreline setbacks, but it was decided they probably weren't a good idea as it is private land.

**The Way of the River-Part 2**- Cory finally got to continue his presentation on the dynamics of rivers and factors that need to be considered when it is necessary to do restoration work.

**Souhegan Watershed Association**-Water monitoring will continue.

**Souhegan Valley Land Trust**- Nothing to report.

**New Ipswich**- Nothing to report.

**Greenville**- Nothing to report.

**Wilton**- Nothing to report.

**Milford-** Boys' and Girls' Club has started their addition. They are putting on a Gymnasium. As stated previously, there is a need to do erosion control behind the building. Celeste is monitoring the progress

**Merrimack-**The drinking water problems in Merrimack are not present on the Souhegan. The PFOA chemical is airborne and when it falls on the water, it is flushed away fairly rapidly. It is the continued buildup on the soil (where it is not flushed away as frequently). The PFOA is a chemical that was used in manufacturing processes.

The boat ramp meeting needs to be rescheduled. Application is due next Thursday. Paul will get in touch with Tim of Conservation Commission.

**Amherst-** Nothing to report.

**Next Meeting-** Thursday, May 19

Submitted by Klea Dudley, secretary