

LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 27, 2004

Members:

- ✓ = present
- ✓ Will Jewett – Litchfield
Glenn McKibben (Treasurer) – Litchfield
Ray Peeples - Litchfield
- ✓ George May (Secretary) - Merrimack
- ✓ Bob Robbins (Vice-Chair) – Hudson
- ✓ Rick Maddox – Hudson
- ✓ Stan Kazlouskas (Chair)– Hudson
Jim Barnes – Hudson
Patrick Tate – Hudson
John Mitterholzer – Nashua

Others:

- ✓ Angela Rapp – NRPC
- ✓ Steve Couture – NH DES
- ✓ Kathryn Nelson – Nashua Conservation Commission

Chairman Stan Kazlouskas called the meeting to order at 7:09pm in the NRPC Conference Room. It was noted that there was no quorum and so no votes could be taken.

The minutes for April were looked over and no corrections seemed to be needed. George May would like it noted in the minutes that he was not present because he was locked out of the building.

Rick wanted to discuss improving Hudson's Merrill Park to make it more attractive to residents and to provide an access to the river for emergency services that now have to go to Greeley Park in Nashua. It was suggested that Tim Quinn might be able to do the research of town records to see what already exists for permits. Rick noted a study done in 1998 that shows soccer fields for Merrill Park.

Bob presented thinking about an outreach program to introduce the LAC to planning boards and boards of selectmen and to get preliminary information for our management plan. He will come up with one (or two) draft grant proposals for the next meeting to fund an outreach program based similarly to the very successful Robinson Pond outreach program. George will submit a request for an EIN so that we can open a bank account with the expected funding. Rick suggested that we could develop a DVD that would be good to explain who we are and what we do.

Kathryn suggested that we develop a list of what we should review on plans that should come before us so that people know ahead of time what we are looking for. She, with Rick's collaboration, will develop specialized criteria for LAC review for the June meeting. She will also write a model cover letter that could be sent out.

Steve distributed information about the progress happening at the Beazer site in Nashua.

Steve explained the present thinking of the state committee looking at the sludge spreading rules. A majority of the committee has come up with a compromise allowing Class A sludge to be spread to within 75' or 125' or the river as opposed to the present 250'. Our representative to this committee, Debbie Hinman, wants to stay with the 250' limit but asked for feedback from the LACs she represents. We split 3-2 in favor of the compromise as presented. It was felt that we didn't want to risk losing everything. George will contact Debbie with our feedback before next Tuesday.

There was a short discussion of whether the management plan should be for just the river corridor, for a modified watershed area excluding the sub watersheds, or for the entire watershed.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 24. This is a critical meeting as we have several site-specific plans that require comments and it is the annual election meeting. We would like members who cannot make it to call ahead of time – or better still to be here.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George May, Secretary