

LMRLAC – July 27, 2006

LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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Members:

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

Also in attendance:

- ✓ Danielle Fillis, Nashua Regional Planning Commission

In lieu of a formal July meeting, LMRLAC conducted a tour of river sites in Hudson of particular interest or concern. The tour started at the Nashua Public Library parking lot at 6pm.

The tour first visited the area at the end of Executive Drive in Hudson. No actual river access was visible from the area, but the members could look down the steep bank and see the river's edge and a small beach area. Bob indicated that he believed Hudson owns an easement along the river in this section of the town.

The next site visited was the pump house off Sycamore Drive. From here, members could see the old arch bridge where Salmon Brook flows into the Merrimack on the Nashua side of the river. Some upwelling, believed to be from the Nashua Wastewater Treatment Facility, was visible as well. River access was available from this site; members walked a part of the existing trail. Several feet of beach along the river was accessible as well.

The tour then drove by where Second Brook flows into the Merrimack, and checked out a couple of sites along the river which had appeared to be the site of violations during the boat tour in 2005.

The tour concluded at Merrill Park. Members walked part of the site. Severe erosion was noticed, believed to have been caused by the May flooding. It was also noted that the site has great potential but is apparently not being currently utilized.

The tour concluded at about 8:30pm.

Kath took an action to contact George to try to reschedule the Merrimack river tour on the date of the August meeting, Thursday, August 24. If the tour does not take place that evening, the regular meeting would be scheduled for a site in Merrimack, to be confirmed by George.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Archambault
secretary