

# **Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee**

**Milford Library, Milford New Hampshire**

**December 15, 2016**

In attendance were members George May (Merrimack), Nelson Disco (Merrimack), Cory Rltz (New Ipswich), and Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich.)

**Approval of Minutes from November 2016-** Minutes accepted.

## **Old Business-**

**Fletcher Paint-**Finished with River.

## **New Business**

**Shoreland Permit - Buckley's Café, Merrimack (File Number: 2016-03376)**-This is for an addition to a bakery/café and only a small portion of the property falls within our jurisdiction. The only thing of note was that the new addition will come within inches of an existing slope that buffers an area that is sometimes marshy. Clearly construction will disturb this area. Nelson said that it has not come before the Planning Board in Merrimack yet. He also felt we didn't have enough information. Since there will be very little effects on the river, George is going to write a letter stating that we have no objections.

## **Local Updates**

**Trails-**see Merrimack

**Souhegan Watershed Association-**This is probably the last year for the salmon school program. New Hampshire Schools will switch to Trout. The hatcheries are no longer raising salmon. George was also notified by a Massachusetts Wildlife agency that transporting salmon across state lines and raising salmon in Massachusetts requires a permit. George asked but was denied a permit. (He's been doing this for 20 years without a permit, who knew what a criminal element we had in our midst, at our helm even.) Massachusetts schools will be switching to trout raised in Massachusetts, and George was successfully able to pass the responsibilities of managing

the program to some individual in the Massachusetts Wildlife Agency.  
Good job, George.

**Souhegan Valley Land Trust**-No news

**New Ipswich**-No news

**Greenville**-No news

**Wilton**-No news

**Milford**-No News

**Merrimack**-There will be a public hearing on Jan. 5, for the Souhegan River Trail. Nelson explained that this is a Federally mandated meeting concerning an alternative route. There are no major changes anticipated.

There was a short discussion about a river crossing sign that DES has offered to pay for and DOT will install on the Everett Turnpike. George has been lobbying for this for 2 years.

**Amherst**- No news.

Meeting adjourned early and George bought a round of drinks across the street. Merry Christmas to all.

**Next Meeting Jan. 19**

Submitted by Kleta Dudley, secretary

December 22, 2016