

Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

Milford Library, Milford New Hampshire

August 18, 2016

In attendance were members George May (Merrimack), Celeste Barr (Milford), Bill Mahar (Wilton), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Rich Hart (Amherst), and Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich).

Guest attending were Henry Kunhardt P.E. and Chris Guida P.E.

Approval of Minutes from July 2016- Minutes accepted with the following changes. Pilgrim foods is in Greenville and Cam Lockwood attended a walk through of the Fletcher Paint site.

Old Business-Updates

Chestnut Hill AoT, Merrimack subdivision (File Number: 20160226-025)-George sent a letter but has not gotten a response.

Fletcher Paint recommendations for dredging river bottom- George hadn't heard on recommendations for improving the river bottom from F&G and so sent a note to EPA asking that the river bottom be restored to original condition.

McCabe erosion control, Merrimack-George sent a note to Natural Resources Council and spoke with Heather. George told them we thought erosion control methods were a mess. They thought it was "nice."

SWA Monitoring - Instream Flow rules are straightened out so that changes to the regulations will continue to require direct notification to the LACs.

New Business

Wetlands Permit, Heywood Lot on Water Loom Pond- File Number: 2016-02139 This is for a driveway in New Ipswich. Henry Kunhardt, P.E. answered questions and gave a brief presentation on the proposed driveway that will replace the former right of way that the Heywoods owned

into their property on Water Loom Pond. He gave a brief history of the 80 acre property and right of way. Former right of way was along the shoreline. The new proposed 10' wide, ½ mile route moves it across the property well away from the shoreline and is also is less invasive to neighbors. There was a soil scientist involve in determining the route due to the number of wetlands that were encountered. George will send a note to DES with our comments. We did not have any problems with the plan.

Wilton Self Storage Units, AoT- Chris Guida from Fieldstone Land Consultants gave a presentation and answered questions. This is to be located close to the Wilton-Milford line. This is behind but across the river from where the TD Bank is located on 101 across the street from the Irving Station. It is across the street from an old Mill complex if you are heading into Wilton from the intersection where the bank and filling station are located. Sections of the bank are very steep in places but currently well buffered. Unfortunately, some is Japanese Knotweed.

Storage buildings are outside of the 50' buffer required. The soil is mostly sand or gravel (use to be a gravel operation here) Chris said they had dug down up to 20 feet before hitting anything besides sand in most places. There is a Stormwater Management Plan which we felt would actually improve run off in the area. There are landscaping plans which we thought were good but could be expanded to areas besides just the entrance. Impervious areas will be reduced within the shoreland zone and will be landscaped.

We were okay with the plan. George will write letter mentioning the landscaping that could be extended to the chain link fence area.

Brox Environmental, Osgood Pond, Milford- (email 8/9) The Town of Milford wants to keep this manmade pond (a result of a dam that was originally put in for a sawmill) open for recreation. As a result of work being done at the pond, sedimentation is flowing into Great Brook to Railroad Pond, which already is mostly filled in. Comment was made that the operators seem to be very unprofessional and the measures to prevent the flow of sediment is clearly not working. Necessary authorities have been notified. George will send a letter expressing our concern about the amount of sediment that is moving downstream.

Pine Valley Mill, Wilton- This concerns a spike in the Inflow into the Souhegan. Warm water is coming in, so speculation is that the water is coming from somewhere that it has been able to be stored and is being released. George has called Fred from Milford Conservation Commission and he is looking into it. This conversation segwayed into a conversation about the high e-coli counts being recorded with the water monitoring that is ongoing. Apparently there is a person living near the river who has in the past had a cease and desist order against them for dumping raw sewage.

Local Updates

We ran out of time as we were being kicked out of Library but George mentioned this as we were leaving.

Merrimack-The water monitoring was posting e coli levels at Watson Park but now the information is given to Parks and Recreation for them to do so.

Next Meeting September 15, 2016

Kleta Dudley, secretary