

Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee

Police Station, Milford New Hampshire

November 21, 2019

In attendance were members Cory Ritz (New Ipswich), Bill Mahar (Wilton), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Cam Lockwood (Temple), Celeste Barr (Milford), Rich Hart (Amherst,) Robert Clemens (Amherst), and Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich). Guest Peter Howd (Wilton). Peter is a member of Wilton Conservation and part of the MS4 Stormwater Team.

Approval of Minutes -Approved from October 2019.

Business

LAC signoffs on wetland applications- In the future, notifications for wetland changes (smaller items, like boat canopies) will come to the LACs. If we don't address them within the allotted time, the permit automatically gets disapproved and client will have to come before us and do a standard application. Cory was able to speak to Tracy and said that they are trying to modify the rules to clarify them as all the LACs have raised objections to new rules. We need only to deliver a "yea or nay" on most of the items, but it cannot be done outside of meeting. It is unclear where this ruling came from.

There are some jurisdiction changes for municipalities. This might explain why we were not notified when the trees were removed along the Souhegan on 101 at the Milford/Wilton town line.

Topics for Discussion- this is the list of topics that we would like to investigate.

Date	Topic	Presenter	Person in charge
Dec	PFOAs		Jim Taylor
	Water Quality maintenance at Country Clubs		Celeste/Rob
	WWTP- how they work		
	Results of Dam removals		
	Results of testing at Superfund sites,		

	PCB in fish		
	BMP for wetland projects, i.e. culverts, dams, culvert mapping		
	Climate changes in rivers, its effect on critters		
	State fish stocking program		
	Green Burials		

While discussing the topics we expressed interest in, Cam asked why the Salmon Program with the schools had ended. The fish were not returning.

Local Updates

Souhegan Watershed Association-Nothing to report

New Ipswich- Ongoing issues between Town and State regarding a section of one of the town's cemeteries that is actually on State property. Work needs to happen on the Flood Control Dam there and the trucks cannot get in to work.

Greenville-Nothing to Report

Temple- Nothing to report.

Wilton- Asphalt Plant turned down by the Zoning Board due to height of Chimney. There was supposed to be a lighted crane at the site to designate to the public the height of the stack on the proposed asphalt plant but the light didn't happen.

Milford-Nothing to report.

Merrimack- Nothing to report.

Amherst- Planning Board has been having ongoing discussions about regional impact on neighboring towns of decisions that one town makes.

Discussion on whether planning in developments can control storm water so that there is less runoff than would be had than in a natural forest.

Amherst has adopted a Green Sno Pro Program. Previously, there were a few “no salt” roads and there were issues with these.

It was noted that a green burial cemetery was opened in Lyndeborough, not in our jurisdiction but within the floodplain of Beaver Brook and Souhegan.

Next Meeting Dec. 19th. Originally wanted it at Library (it will be at Police station as we need equipment and screen for presentation.) Cory will ask Jim to schedule a presentation about PFOAs. Holiday outing to follow in Downtown Milford.

Submitted by Klea Dudley, sec. Nov. 24, 2019