

**LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 15, 2003**

**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

Chairman Stan Kazlouskas called the meeting to order at 7:11pm in the NRPC Conference Room. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Updates

- Depot Street access – No news.
  
- DES update – Instream Flow Committees are being formed and will be finalized in January 2004. NRPC was asked to be on the committee.
  
- Beazer Site - There was no info available during the meeting. Angie emailed the following updated info on December 17<sup>th</sup> from Mike McCluskey at NH DES: The Beazer's Sediment Evaluation Plan was approved with some conditions back in September. DES was contacted last week by Beazer's consultant stating that the field work would begin this week. DES is still working to get Beazer to evaluate the performance of the sheetpile barrier system. They believe there is evidence to suggest it is leaking.
  
- Wetlands Permits  
John Mitterholzer moved, seconded by Robbins to write a letter to the Hudson Planning Board, with cc to DES, clearly stating our position that easements are to be deeded, clear marking of 250 ft line, walking trail along river, access to river. Motion passed.
  
- River walk, Hudson - Since the plan was updated, we could not comment. We asked that we receive updated plans from the Town of Hudson when available.

New Business

1. Dredge and fill permit application by DOT for DW Highway on Merrimack/Bedford town line was discussed and it was decided not to comment.
  
2. DES sent proposed signage for Designated Rivers and asked for comments. It was thought that adding the DES website would allow interested citizens to discover more about the river and the designation. Angie will notify Beth Krumrine.

The committee agreed that we would ask DOT to put up signs identifying all river and stream crossings whenever plans come before us in the future. George will try to identify the stream where DOT is replacing the culvert in #1 above and ask for a sign if it is at all significant.

3. The committee decided to continue meeting on the same nights, the fourth Thursday, for next year and to adjust if necessary.

### Local Updates

- A presentation was made to the Planning Board in Hudson to see if they would like to be the first town in the state to pass enabling legislation allowing 80/20 Open Space developments. 80% of the land would be undeveloped and 20% would have all the houses.
- John McPhee's article about canoeing on the Merrimack River is in the December 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the New Yorker magazine and makes for very interesting reading about our river.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Robbins & George May