

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

**Police Station, Milford New Hampshire**

**December 19, 2019**

In attendance were members Cory Ritz (New Ipswich), Bill Mahar (Wilton), Cam Lockwood (Temple), Celeste Barr (Milford), Robert Clemens (Amherst), James Taylor (Hollis), and Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich). Guest Sarita Croce, Assistant Director Public Works Department/Wastewater, Town of Merrimack

**Approval of Minutes** -Approved from November 2019 after some clarification concerning use of Sno Pro in Amherst.

## **Business**

**LAC signoffs on wetland applications-** The new rules are in effect for reviewing small projects for Wetlands permits. There were concerns with timelines expressed by all the LACS. If we so choose, we can have a representative from our LAC make a decision between meetings if the timeline requires that we need to do so. If we do not respond within the set timeline, the applicant must submit a full permit application and go through the review process. There is a process that we must adopt in order to do this. We are interested in doing this.

There was short discussion of types of projects we will be expected to review. Cory will review and notify us to projects that come in between meetings that will need to be acted upon. He will be the initial representative. In the event that he will be absent from a meeting he will prepare document for review at the next meeting and we will vote at the meeting. Richard Hart, Celeste Barr or Kleta Dudley\* would be the next members that might have to handle a permit that comes in between our timeline for review.

Responses are made to DES permits people.

\*That was based upon my positions on the board and not necessarily on my ability to make an informed decision. The rest of you will all be hearing from me should this task fall to me. K

**Topics for Discussion-** This is the updated list of topics that we voiced an interest in at the last meeting .

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>SoRLAC rep.</b>
2020			
1/16?	Water Quality maintenance at Country Clubs		Rob
2/20	WWTP- how they work		Jim
3/19	Results of Dam removals		George
4/16	Results of testing at Superfund sites, PCB in fish		Celeste
5/21	BMP for wetland projects, i.e. culverts, dams, culvert mapping		
6/18	Climate changes in rivers, its effect on critters		
7/16	State fish stocking program		George
8/20	Green Burials		Cathy(?)
9/17	Surface Water Runoff During Construction Projects		
10/15			
11/20			
12/20			

### **Local Updates**

**Souhegan Watershed Association-**Follow up discussion about the Adopt a Salmon Program which had been in existence since 1980s. The program was not working so it was halted. There is a program in Maine that raises eggs and George might be able to get enough for the Wilton Elementary School to raise them. Short discussion about shad and how G. Washington’s troops at Valley Forge survived the winter on them.

**New Ipswich-** Nothing to report

**Greenville-**Marshall Buttrick has been appointed to a three year term on the SoRLAC representing Greenville.

**Temple-** New Road Agent

**Wilton-** Nothing to report

**Milford-** There is an educational trail being done for the Herring Pond Elementary School with a lookout on Brocks Property on Herring Pond Rd.

**Merrimack-** The entrance to the Overlook Estates has improved.

**Amherst-**Rob attended the Hillsboro County Conservation Commissions meeting on Tuesday (Dec. 17, 2019) at Chappell Tractor building. The Town of Amherst adopted a Sno Pro program and the salt use is down by 50%. There was an initial monitoring for Chlorine at a town bog.

**Special Topic Presentation-PFAS** Sarita Croce, Assistant Director Public Works Department/Wastewater, Town of Merrimack gave us an excellent presentation of the history and present state of the management of PFAS problems in New Hampshire and elsewhere. She expressed strongly the need for Federal oversight and standards. The following websites are of special note.

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/basic-information-pfas>

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas>

Next Meeting is January 16, 2020. Cory will be out of town. If anyone would like to facilitate the meeting, please let Cory know, otherwise Kleta will do so. Note that Kleta will not be at Feb. or Apr. meetings. Someone needs to take minutes.

Submitted by Kleta Dudley, sec. Dec. 27, 2019