

**Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**June 26, 2003 – 7:00 PM**  
**Nashua Regional Planning Commission**

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**Members:**

- ✓ =Present
  
- ✓ Will Jewett – Litchfield
- ✓ Glenn McKibben (Treasurer) – Litchfield  
Ray Peeples - Litchfield
- ✓ George May (Secretary) - Merrimack
- ✓ Bob Robbins (Vice-Chair) – Hudson
- ✓ Rick Maddox – Hudson  
Mike Grunder – Hudson
- ✓ Stan Kazlouskas (Chair)– Hudson
- ✓ Jim Barnes – Hudson  
Patrick Tate – Hudson
- ✓ John Mitterholzer – Nashua

**Others:**

- ✓ Angela Rapp – NRPC
- ✓ Steve Couture – NH DES

**I. Updates**

- Depot Street  
The Depot Street site plan revisions were submitted by CLD in mid-June. Angie reviewed several issues that NRPC and the Town of Merrimack had with the site plan including: adequate space to walk from parking lot to path without walking in the street first (shrubs are blocking access), adequate room for drainage given the size of the proposed swale, adequate vegetation, etc. Angie is waiting for additional comments from the Assistant DPW Director and will bring it back to CLD for revisions and then have NH DES approve before following through with the plan.
  
- DES Updates – Steve Couture gave an update on the Instream Flow and SB 87 regarding Biosolids Application:

**Instream Flow** - The funding for the Souhegan River Instream Flow Pilot study has made it through the Senate. The next step is for HB 2FNA (the bill that includes the funding for the study) to be discussed in a Conference Committee. Since the study is proposed to be funded via a reallocation of DES funds, we are cautiously optimistic that it will come through unscathed.

**SB 87, Biosolids Application** - SB87's original purpose was to change the biosolid and septage application requirements along designated rivers to be the same as all the state's surface waters. However, through the legislative process, SB87 now establishes a "commission to study setback requirements for septage, biosolids, and short paper fibers, and extends the temporary use of septage, biosolids, and short paper fiber by certain persons". As a commission, all members will have voting status. The Local Advisory Committee membership for the commission is outlined as follows:

Two local river management advisory committee members; one appointed by the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, and the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, and one appointed by the remaining 11 local river management advisory committees.

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The LAC Chairs are discussing which LAC members would be best to serve on the committee through the LAC listserve. Official nominations are anticipated to occur some time in July.

- Beazer Site – The LAC received a letter from NH DES on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (attached) regarding the Sediment Evaluation Plan (SEP) that Beazer submitted in December. The SEP was reviewed by NH DES and they developed some comments that need to be addressed by July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 75-Unit Elderly Development in South Nashua (response from Applicant) – Hayner and Swanson, Inc. replied to the 5 concerned that the LAC had regarding the development (attached). The only one that the LAC felt was inadequate was the comment that pervious pavement could not withstand a snow blower and hence, would not be used. All other comments were sufficient.
- Dam Relicensing – Angie is working to have someone come and talk about the dam relicensing process for the July meeting because the June meeting agenda was very busy. There is another public meeting to discuss the process in July. Details are as follows: The next meeting of FERC relicensing consortium is Tuesday, July 22 at 6:00 PM at The Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Please email Michele Tremblay at [mtrembla@tds.net](mailto:mtrembla@tds.net) to RSV P. It would be great if a member of the LMRLAC could attend.
- Pine Island Stream Bubbles – A letter was sent from Stan Kazlouskas requesting information regarding the bubbles coming from Pine Island Stream in Manchester. Steve Couture informed us that Mr. Thomas Croteau from NH DES is responding. As of July 7<sup>th</sup>, a letter was received by the LAC from Mr. Croteau (please see attached).

## II. Old Business

1. Bylaws – The changes highlighted in the last set of bylaws were discussed. All agreed on the changes. Rick Maddox motioned to approve the bylaws as amended, Bob Robbins seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Election of Officers – Stan Kazlouskas was nominated by Will Jewett for the Chair position. Bob seconded. Since all were in favor it was a vote of acclamation. George nominated Bob Robbins for Vice-Chair. Jim Barnes seconded. Vote of acclamation. Rick Maddox nominated George for Secretary. Jim Barnes seconded. Vote of acclamation. Glenn McKibben was nominated for Treasurer. Jim Barnes seconded. Vote of acclamation.
3. The Site Specific application for the industrial facility in Merrimack was revoked because of the determination of a wetland crossing on the property. A new site plan and application needs to be submitted. Angie will keep the committee updated.

## III. New Business

1. Wetlands Permit Application to construct a roadway across wetlands in Litchfield, NH. – postponed to July meeting.
2. Site Specific Permit Application for a 32-lot subdivision in Hudson, NH – postponed to July meeting.
3. NH Route 102 in Hudson Site plans, NH DOT project – only an information item. Please see attached letter. If members would like to review the site plans, they are kept at NRPC offices.

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## IV. Local Updates

George May gave a quick update on several issues:

- Water testing – The water quality monitoring program along the Merrimack River found high counts of e-coli near the Sagamore Bridge in Nashua and Hudson. They are not sure what it is yet, could be an overflow. George will be talking to the WWTF to try and figure it out.
- The LMRLAC sponsors a canoe trip every year with the Merrimack River Watershed Council. This year it is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting at Depot Street boat ramp in the Town of Merrimack.

NOTE: The next meeting has been rescheduled from its normal night to July 31, 2003 at 7 PM at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission office. The August meeting will revert back to the normal schedule.

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