

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

**Wadleigh Library, Milford New Hampshire**

**September 21, 2017**

In attendance were members George May (Merrimack), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Bill Mahar (Wilton), Nelson Disco (Merrimack), Celeste Barr (Milford), Robert Clemens (Amherst), Cory Rltz (New Ipswich), and Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich.)

Guest Presentation by Tony Guba of AL Prime Energy

**Approval of Minutes from May 2017-** Amended minutes accepted.

## **New Business**

**Reappointments-** George updated members on where we stood with reappointments. There are several post open on the committee. If your town does not have 3 members, there is room for candidates. There will be elections in January of 2018. George would like someone to step up and take over as Chairman. He is not leaving the committee but feels it is time to let someone else take over his job.

**AL Prime Energy-** (email 9/20) Tony Guba an engineer with AL Prime Energy gave a presentation going over the procedure for replacing sumps on underground fuel storage tanks. The original tanks and sumps were installed around 1993 by Sunoco and at the time were probably compliant. They were not installed in a manner that would pass current DES standards for water tightness and he assured us they would fail if tested. The company does not own the gas station where these tanks are but is responsible for maintenance of the facility. The site is extremely close to the river and not far from the Merrimack river as well.

Tony said it would take approximately 2 weeks to do the work and would like to get started ASAP. He answered questions about tank design, piping, monitoring, alarms and what happens in the event that there is leakage. He has been very pro active in reaching out to us in hopes of expediting the permit process as winter is coming and the gas station is currently operating as non compliant.

There will be no change to drainage and he does not anticipate any impact to the river, except maybe during construction. AL Prime is open to any steps that might be taken to assure there is no contamination that would reach the river.

George will send a letter to DES letting them know we have no objections as long as there is run off control and safe storage of materials that have been dug up during construction. He will also stress that we don't want to hold the project up.

## **Updates**

**Fletcher Paint-** This project is finished and Celeste wrote Jim Brown and commended the team that did the work. George got a canoe and kayak launch and there is parking as well. The banks were planted with recommended species. We still need to think about vegetating across the river behind the Boys' and Girls' Club on the walking trail. We should be looking at Grants to do so.

**Hazen Property-**We asked for an open bottom culvert be as it is more "critter friendly." DES asked for a concrete culvert instead of plastic for the same reason.

**Permit Review List-** This list was included in the agenda for this meeting (email 9/21/2017) Please review it and note any additions or changes or comments as we voted to adopt the document.

At this point, we were out of time but George did manage to update us on SWA.

**Souhegan Watershed Association-**George needs to get a link from Rich Hart in order to post some information. The river is in good health

**Souhegan Valley Land Trust-**No news

**New Ipswich-** no news

**Greenville-**No news

**Wilton-**No news

**Milford-**No News

**Merrimack-**no news

**Amherst-** no news

**Next Meeting Oct. 19th**

Submitted by Kleta Dudley, secretary

September 25, 2017