

Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee May 18, 2017

(Revised 5/23/17)

Keyes Room, Wadleigh Library, Milford, NH

In attendance were Chairman George May (Merrimack), Nelson Disco (Merrimack) Bill Mahar (Wilton) and Rob Clemens (Amherst).

Celeste Barr, Cory Ritz and Kleta Dudley had indicated to the Chairman prior to the meeting that they were unable to attend.

The minutes of the meeting of February 16 were approved.

Chairman May indicated that he had submitted membership renewal forms for Nelson Disco and himself to the Merrimack Town Manager for approval by the Merrimack Town Council. He will follow up on their status.

There was extensive discussion of the Hazen Property subdivision in Merrimack. George prepared a separate memo summarizing the results of this discussion to be sent to DES. The concerns raised by the Committee centered on culvert design, preservation of vernal pools and historic mill remains.

George and Nelson presented their summary of the discussions at the Local River Management Advisory Committee Workshop held at DES in Concord on May 13. The principal topics of discussion were: Data from the measurements made of water quality are available on the DES VRAP web page. Electronic vs. Hard copies of plans available to the LACs. At this time there still appears to be need for both forms. Suggestion made to review the individual LAC bye-laws, which can establish quorums necessary to conduct LAC business. Rule changes are being discussed which would give LACs 10 days to review plans. This proposal met with general disapproval. DES requested that LACs review their individual charters and provide plan comments to DES which are specific to the particular LAC Charter.. This will bring some insight to the comments which are unique to the individual River LAC. It was suggested that each LAC make an individual "watch list" of items to be covered in each plan review. A typical such list was provided by the UMLAC for consideration.

The next meeting will be held on June 15, if there is material needing Committee review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Nelson Disco, May 20, 2017