

**Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**February 27, 2003 – 7:00 PM**  
**Nashua Regional Planning Commission**

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**Present:**

Angela Rapp – NRPC  
Stan Kazlouskas – Hudson  
Will Jewett – Litchfield  
Bob Robbins – Hudson  
Mike Grunder – Hudson

**I. Updates**

- Depot Street  
Project has been delayed again due to Chip Chesley's (Merrimack DPW) resignation. A contract with CLD has been revised and a new scope and budget have been compiled, however. Final approval from Mr. Chesley is required and will be received by March 7, 2003.

**II. Site-specific Permit for a Bowling Facility in Merrimack, NH**

The committee reviewed this application and found that this project has no real impact to the Merrimack River, as it is across DW Highway and has appropriate stormwater detention. One comment that should be passed along to the Merrimack Planning Board, however, is that the engineer stated that gas and sediment traps would be installed in the catch basins on the site and that they "should be checked twice a year". The LAC would like to recommend that the language be changed to say "will be checked twice a year and after every major storm".

**III. RMAC Correspondence – Senate Bill 87 and Removal of River Gages on Saco and Upper Connecticut Rivers**

The LAC received two letters from the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) (see attached). One was regarding Senate Bill 87 (SB 87). SB 87 proposes to eliminate the setback requirements for the application of septage, biosolids, and short paper fiber. It would also eliminate the immediate incorporation requirement. Many of the LACs have written letters to Chairman Johnson (see attached), chair of the Senate Environmental Committee, in opposition of this bill. Should the LMRLAC write a letter in opposition as well? Stan Kazlouskas volunteered to draft a letter to Chairman Johnson in opposition of the bill and in favor of protecting the Merrimack River from this type of encroachment.

The second letter was in regards to the removal of two river gages on the Saco and Upper Connecticut Rivers. The Rivers Management Advisory Committee is also in opposition to this, as these gages could provide valuable information on instream flow in the future. No action will be taken, but the LAC will monitor the progress.

**IV. Brainstorming Session on Display Board**

Angie presented the option of postponing the discussion of the display board until there are more official members present. It is important a majority of the group is involved in the development of this project so it can be successful and representative of the entire committee. All agreed that more input should be provided so that everyone can be involved in the development of the project and delegation of tasks. It will be on the next agenda in March.

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V. **Review of the By-Laws**

The LAC does not currently have valid by-laws. Again, attendance by more of the official members is necessary in order to develop a set of by-laws that are accurate and reflect the true purpose and goals of the LAC. Angie passed out the Isinglass River LAC by-laws which were recently adopted and could be used as a template (see attached). This will be on the agenda at the March meeting.

VI. **Regional Environmental Plan (REPP) - Regional Priorities for the Merrimack River Corridor**

This agenda item will be discussed in March as well. More representation from the other communities is necessary in order to develop a good set of priorities to be included in this plan. For more information on this plan, please see: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/envplanning/phase2.htm>

VII. **The Next Meeting - Change of Date**

The next meeting of the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee needs to be changed due to the absence of NRPC Staffing. The group concluded that the meeting will be **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission.**