

LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2004

Members:

- ✓ = present

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

Others:

- ✓ Koren Melfi - NRPC
- ✓ Scott McPhie - Town of Merrimack
- ✓ Sandy Belknap - Mohawk Tannery Cleanup Committee (Nashua)
- ✓ Alexander Lee - National Environmental Trust

Chairman Stan Kazlouskas called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the NRPC Conference Room.

The December minutes were approved as printed (May/Robbins).

Presentation - Superfund Sites in the Nashua Region - Alexander Lee, National Environmental Trust.

Alexander Lee presented information about Superfund and other polluted sites in the area. Two sites were highlighted: NH Plating in Merrimack and Mohawk Tannery in Nashua. A number of other polluted sites in the area were also noted - among them Buker, Burns Hill Road, Coates, Concrete Systems in Hudson and Merrimack Metals, Harcross, and NH Pole in Merrimack. There are currently 99 sites in New Hampshire in the CERCLIS database. There are 19 sites on the National Priorities List (NPL) in New Hampshire and more than 1,200 sites on the NPL nationally with thousands more sites in the CERCLIS database, nationally. There is less money to clean these sites up because everything comes from the General Fund (all taxpayers) now that the Trust Fund (polluters paying) is nearly if not completely broke. Mr. Lee suggested that LMRLAC contact congressmen and write letters to the editor to demand that polluters pay to clean up the contaminated sites. There was discussion about whether the Superfund process was in need of change. Lee explained that the perennially-introduced legislation (sponsored by Barbara Boxer/James Jeffords) could be reformed once it's approved. He noted that concern about toxins is the top issue for polluted citizens. More info is available at www.net.org/superfund.

Rick suggested that Lee be invited to make a PowerPoint presentation to the next quarterly meeting of the NRPC, when all area towns are present, and that NH congressmen or their reps also be invited to attend. Motion made and approved (May/Robbins) that this be presented to Angie to implement.

Sandy Belknap noted that there will be a public hearing open to everyone about the Mohawk Tannery site on Feb 2, 7 PM, in City Hall Auditorium. (Note to Nashua River Watershed Association).

Updates

There were general updates on sludge legislation and Instream Flow Rules.

It was agreed that George would write to DOT to request the signs for Pointer Club Brook that DES turned down.

New Business

George agreed to begin writing an article for Meanderings and for our annual report.

Stan appointed everyone on the committee to a committee of the whole for nominations. Elections take place in March.

The news release that Angie wrote for this meeting was an excellent example of the good PR that we'd like for this group.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
George May

#526A-34