

**LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission**  
**September 25, 2003**

**Members:**

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- ✓ Will Jewett – Litchfield
- ✓ Glenn McKibben (Treasurer) – Litchfield
- ✓ Ray Peebles - 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:**

- ✓ John Vogl– NRPC
- ✓ Steve Couture – NH DES
- ✓ Barbara McMillan – NH DES

Chairman Stan Kazlouskas called the meeting to order at 7:10 in the NRPC Conference Room

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed. Moved by George; seconded by Bob.

**Updates**

- Depot Street access – John reported that there has been no work done on the site yet by the Merrimack DPW.
- DES updates – Steve reviewed SB 87 and said the committee to review the spreading of sludge close to RMPP rivers has already met three times and was working well. Steve is a member of the committee. Debby Hinman is our LAC rep and a letter from her was included in our packet of info.
- Instream Flow Rules – The pilot program to study the Souhegan River has begun. Steve distributed a schedule for creating a technical committee and a local advisory committee to advise the program. The first advisory committee meeting is expected to be February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ray said he had been approached by a distraught farmer who expected the IFR would end all farming in NH.
- Beazer Site – A copy of a letter from DES regarding the sediment evaluation plan that was proposed on behalf of Beazer was included in our packet. DES has accepted the plan with three exceptions. No date was given for when the work was to be done.
- 72-unit Elderly Housing in Litchfield – Ray noted that this was a win-win situation. The developer accepted all of the suggestions proposed by the Planning Board to benefit the town and the river. This was a position that the LAC had supported in a letter to DES last month. The Planning Board has approved the plan. The state permits have not yet been approved and the LAC expects to see and approve the final plans for a Site Specific permit. Ray also noted that this may be a site acceptable for the long awaited boat ramp in Litchfield.

**Old Business**

Outreach – Steve introduced Barbara McMillan, the DES Watershed Outreach Coordinator, who presented a short Power Point presentation explaining the six steps for successful outreach. She also said that grants of up to \$2000 are available through her to help with an outreach project and she encouraged us to apply. She then led the LAC through a brainstorming session that had an overall goal of strengthening the LAC. Barbara (and Steve) will recapitulate all of the thinking that was listed and present it to the LAC before next meeting. Barbara said she was willing to return to continue help the LAC further.

One item that was mentioned was the Ashuelot River Atlas that John will download from their website and copy for LAC members.

Bob may send out a press release noting Barbara's presentation and getting our name out there.

### **New Business**

Application to construct a dam for a detention pond for a supermarket in Hudson – Bob moved; Ray seconded that members will be given the chance to look at the plans for the dam and make recommendations and that we will then send a letter to DES with our agreement and suggestions that members make. Motion passed. Steve will send the plans to NRPC; Angie will notify all members that they may look at the plans within a week and then the letter to DES will be sent. Discussion showed that members approved of the concept of the detention pond but wanted to see the plans to go along with just the application form. Concern was expressed for whether the outflow received treatment before joining the Lowell Road drainage. It is expected that the LAC will review the plans for the Site Specific permit when that is ready.

### **Local Updates**

Concern was expressed about Chemlawn and hydroseeding trucks withdrawing water from brooks along the roads and possibly leaving pollutants behind. Steve explained that withdrawing anything less than 20,000 gallons required only the permission of the landowner. DES has had workshops for these folks.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday (not Thursday), October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm, at Manchester City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor meeting room. Please contact Angie if you need directions. The focus of this meeting is the FERC re-licensing of the three PSNH dams in the Middle Merrimack. LMRLAC agreed to host the meeting so \$10 each was collected from members for Ray to buy coffee and goodies for the meeting. Bob will send out a press release explaining the meeting and inviting interested citizens to attend also.

**Reminder** – the DES Watershed Conference will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at DES in Concord.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
George May, Secretary