

# SoRLAC

Police Station Conference Room

Milford, New Hampshire

March 17, 2016

In attendance were members George May (Merrimack), Marshall Buttrick (Greenville), Bill Mahar (Wilton), Yvonne Beran (Milford), Nelson Disco (Merrimack), Cory Ritz (New Ipswich), and Les Talarico (Wilton); also Les's guest Liz Forward. Kleta Dudley (New Ipswich) was ill and excused.

Meeting began at 7 p.m.

Minutes from February's meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

George presented the power point presentation from Tuesday's hearing on dredging the river at the Fletcher Paint site. It was decided to comment that SoRLAC is in favor of removing all of the polluted soil from the river and making recreational improvements to the river if possible. We also want to meet with EPA prior to the beginning of work to look at plans and to understand plans for restoration. We will comment prior to the March 19 deadline. George can send a map of the site to any member not present if desired.

We would like to have the John Field/NHRC presentation "Why Do Rivers Do That?" during June, Rivers Month. George will check.

Cory will present Chapter 2 of "The Way of the River" at the April 21 meeting.

Members reviewed maps of the access points on the river at the request of the Public Waters Access Board. The plan is to create a map of all the access points on all NH rivers.

There was no new pipeline information. Les suggested that a soil scientist should walk and plot every wetland along the route before construction is allowed.

Members again reviewed the AoT permit application for the Chestnut Hill subdivision in Merrimack. It was decided that we would recommend that, in spite of some good ideas on handling the drainage within the project, DES should hold the application in limbo until questions posed by the town's planning board regarding drainage and other have been satisfactorily answered by the applicant. Apparently the applicant thinks that these questions have been satisfactorily answered, but the town does not agree. SoRLAC also noted that the application did not have page numbers and so was hard to follow. SoRLAC would like to reserve comment till after the town questions have been answered and discussed and we can see that drainage off site will be the same or less than preconstruction. Right now that is not clear.

George noted that this Saturday (3/19), 8:30 to 9:30pm, is Earth Hour when everyone should turn off all lights for one hour.

George asked that we request river identification and river protection signs for the Everett Turnpike from DOT.

Nelson noted that there will be an informational hearing on the pollution from the St Gobain plant

contaminating the drinking water in Merrimack at 7pm on March 23 at Masticola Elementary school and that he will attend.

George updated the committee on meetings in Merrimack regarding correcting erosion at the Seaverns Bridge Canoeport and the possible construction of a new access further downstream in conservation land.

Yvonne wanted to know if Paul had a new baby boy or girl.

Meeting ended at 8:30. Next meeting is scheduled for April 21.

Respectfully submitted,

George May