

**LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 24, 2004**

**Members:**

✓ = present

(#) = number of consecutive absences

- ✓ Stan Kazlouskas (Chair)– Hudson
- ✓ Bob Robbins (Vice-Chair) – Hudson
- ✓ George May (Secretary) - Merrimack
- ✓ Glenn McKibben (Treasurer) – Litchfield
- ✓ Will Jewett – Litchfield
- Ray Peeples – Litchfield (2)
- ✓ Rick Maddox – Hudson
- ✓ Jim Barnes – Hudson
- ✓ Patrick Tate – Hudson
- John Mitterholzer – Nashua (2)
- Kathryn Nelson – Nashua (0)

**Others:**

- ✓ Angela Rapp – NRPC
- ✓ Karen Archambault – Nashua Conservation Commission

Chairman Stan Kazlouskas called the meeting to order at 7:15pm in the NRPC Conference Room. It was noted that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed.

**Updates**

- Depot Street access – The Merrimack DPW will begin construction of the boat ramp improvements on July 6. It was suggested that we have a press event either when the construction is completed or in conjunction with the LMRLAC co-sponsored canoe trip on October 3 (see below).

**Old Business**

- Angie passed around a draft Project Review Checklist as suggested by Kathryn. The checklist will be sent to the four Planning Departments so they can see the criteria we will be using to make recommendations for State approval of permits. It was thought that the checklist could be made part of the application process that developers would submit to Planning Boards. Rick suggested that the form be set up as a checklist with ‘yes/no’ boxes to make it simpler. Angie will email this draft to members and ask for comments or changes so we can adopt it at the next meeting.
- Site Specific Application for storm water detention pond near Nashua Country Club – Motion/George; Second/Bob that we approve the project as very positive but that we recommend no berm be constructed.
- Site Specific Application for Anandale Fields, a 57-unit residential community in Litchfield – Motion/George; Second/Bob that we request granite markers be installed at 250’ line and this be included in the deeds; we noted that the developer will plant a woodland buffer at the 150’ line as shown on the plan; and that we notify DES that the property is up for sale and the plan has been approved at the town level.

**Lower Merrimack River Corridor Management Plan and Outreach Program**

Bob put together a Small Outreach and Education Grant that will request \$2,000 with matching local funds provided by volunteer labor. This will be used for a survey of landowners within the corridor based on the excellent survey done at Robinson Pond in Hudson and another done by the Pemigewasset LAC. Bob noted that 319 Watershed Assistance funds may be available for followup activities suggested by the survey. Rick was concerned that the large number of responses that someone will have to tally may be more than we should bite off. Bob thinks we can get volunteers outside the LAC. Motion by Bob/George to apply for the 319 grant. Passed 5 to 2.

The work plan for the Management Plan Outreach Program was circulated and approved for Angie to send to DES on motion by George/Glenn. Angie asked that members agree to make the initial presentation to BOS, Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions in each town. George said he would attend Merrimack sessions; Bob and Jim the Hudson session; Stan will attend all he's able to fit in. The initial presentation will be a basic Power Point presentation to be developed to introduce who we are and introduce the management plan efforts. Rick stressed that the presentation must be businesslike to not take up valuable time.

### **Other Business**

- After discussion of having the management plan include the watershed or be confined to the corridor, Rick moved, George seconded that the management plan be limited to the corridor with an emphasis on the importance of the surrounding watershed. The maps of the location of the corridor in each community have been prepared and were on display.
- George circulated copies of the final recommendations of the SB87/ Sludge Committee as sent by Deb Hinman, our representative to this committee. She/we hung in for no diminution of protection.
- George noted that the relicensing process of the Amoskeag, Garvins Falls, and Hooksett dams is closing. We have not taken any positions on these relicensings; the Upper Merrimack LAC has it covered.
- Our bylaws state that members may be dropped from the LAC after missing so many meetings in a row. George agreed to try to indicate the number of meetings missed from here on. It was stressed that we would like to have members notify the Chair or Angie if they cannot attend a particular meeting ahead of time.

### **New Business**

- George noted that the LAC is cosponsor with MRWC of a canoe trip on the Merrimack beginning at the Depot Street Boat Ramp on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and circulated an old news release that he will update and send to Bob to reuse.
- George/Stan moved that he write a letter to the NH Congressional delegation asking that they support continued funding for the Nashua National Fish Hatchery and the Anadromous Fish Restoration Program. There is serious concern that funding may not be available to continue next year.
- Angie circulated ballots to nominate the new officers. This resulted in a slate as follows:  
Chair – Bob Robbins  
Vice-Chair – Kathryn Nelson  
Secretary – George May  
Treasurer – Glenn McKibben  
Public relations – Kathryn Nelson

Will moved that the Secretary cast one vote to elect this slate. Stan seconded. Secretary cast vote to elect this slate.

Bob noted his phone is 603-882-8626 and email is [robert.robbs@smithbarney.com](mailto:robert.robbs@smithbarney.com) and that members are encouraged to contact him at any time.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
George May, Secretary