

Contoocook and North Branch Rivers

Local advisory Committee

Minutes

August 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chairperson Renaud.

Present: Janet Renaud, John Haley, Brian Maloy, Joe Mac Gregor, Carolyn Garretson, Mark Mitch, Bill Preston, Paul Kampfert, Ruth Ward, Anitra Sorensen, Matthew Lundsted, Tom Gilmore, Jon Manley, Stephanie Hurley.

A welcome was afforded to our new member Tom Gilmore from Boscawen.

Regrets from; Jack Shields and Ken Messina.

Motion to approve minutes of July meeting. Moved by Ruth and seconded by John H. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Still the same but need to expend funds for a new bucket,

An informal discussion of equipment followed. Problems with the probes were revealed. Ted Walsh (DES) will be contacted about a new one. Amanda (DES) will be contacted for new solutions for kits.

Jaffrey Permits were discussed. First; A 40 sq. ft. disturbance by a retaining wall. Next: a Mr. Hurd on Woodbound Rd. His application is incomplete and he has an 8/28 deadline for completion. Carolyn Janet then discussed a situation on 52. Eel st in Boscawen. Since we have no documentation, Janet said she would ask for the paperwork.

Brian Reported on the F flow gate project at the Pierce Dam. DES is reviewing application for a "Notch" to be cut for the steel gate to follow.

VRAP: Paul discussed confusing wording in the protocol documents. Janet said we should all go over the protocols and assigned us all "homework" to read them over for next meeting.

The 3 year meeting postings were then discussed. Several towns reported completion while others assured they would do so. Discussion of posting electronically on town or Conservation Commission and DES websites followed.

A report on the Instream Flow Rules meeting was then given by Brian Maloy. It was "a dry meeting" (?) Currently the state is focusing on the Souhegan and Lamprey rivers. Brian outlined the procedures. Those using more than 140,000 gals of water per week will be subject to these rules. These rules will eventually go to JLCAR (Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules) for approval. LACs may be involved in this process by holding public meetings.

Back to Jaffrey. Discussion was had relative to complaints by a resident on possible infringements by Belletetes and McDonalds. The Belletetes situation dealt with snow dumping. It was noted that DES does not have authority over snow dumping. McDonald's involves culverts and flow to river. DES does have authority.

A report on Membership; 3 new members and progressing well.

The meeting next turned to a discussion of Goals and Objectives. We brainstormed the following list.

Community Outreach

Regulatory Feedback and Comment

Invasive Species

Incorporation of Rivers Management Plan and Update

Increased Fundraising

Bi Annual Reporting

Line Item Budget

VRAP Monitoring

Establish Website

Promote Conservation of Vital River Lands.

Paul then led a discussion on invasives in Highland lake in Stoddard. He gave us a handout to review.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Carolyn. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Jon Manley

