

## Approved Minutes Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee March 29, 2022

### Attendees: (all in person)

New Hampton: Barry Draper, Russ Brummer (due for renewal, 2020)  
Holderness: Carl Lehner  
Bristol: Max Stamp  
Plymouth: Bill Bolton, Lisa Doner, Neil McIver (due for renewal, April 2022)  
Thornton: Myrtle Lewis (due for renewal, Oct. 2022), Katri Gurney  
Bridgewater: Judy Faran  
Campton: Suellen Skinner, Sherrill Howard  
Ashland: Kathleen DeWolfe  
At Large: Tyson Morrill  
LRPC: Paige Wilson

Guests: Sarah Hoodlet (Eversource), Jeremy Fennell (Eversource), Lindsey White (GZA Engineering)

Commence: 6:30 pm

- Motion to approve minutes for February Suellen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherrill with amendment to remove reference to 6.04B amendment. All in favor.
- Notice – farewell to Paige Wilson
- Update on PRLAC member towns: Bill has reached out to Carina Park, the Lincoln Town Manager about possible interest in applying for PRLAC representation.
- Update on Thornton housing development and road construction across from Valley Brook Cottages on Route 3. Identify owner; schedule a site visit – pending.

### Permit Application Review

**Eversource** presents on the E115 Transmission Line Rebuild Project - description of project includes 100% replacement of wood poles with steel poles stained to a “weathered” color of light orange (new) to brown (after a few years). Wires will be replaced after the pole work is done. Work disturbance area includes work pad around poles, timber matting over impacted areas, mulching after pads removed. Gravel access areas will be kept and maintained. Poles will increase in heights 10-15’, to a maximum of 60’ above ground. Life expectancy of wood poles is 40 yrs. Most have been up for 60 yrs. New poles expected to last 60-80 yrs. Set-up will include a grounded static line for lightning protection. Lightning arrestors are planned. Workplan document shared.

Questions:

- Clearcutting or corridor widening planned? Answer: Mowing cycle as usual, no tree cuts.
- Can they stop mowing to the river? Answer: Sarah will follow up with the mowing maintenance team and have them contact Bill Bolton.
- What are the contour lines on the map (in the workplan)? Answer: 2’ contours (based on NH Granit)
- What is the outreach sequence and process? Answer: to the town – detailed maps, to the property owner – general map, on their web site [eversource.com](http://eversource.com) – general information available.
- Other discussion on the Eversource permit and project:
  - a. Permitting process includes an environmental review, with an alteration of terrain permit. This was submitted in early March. Permit by notification for wetlands, valid for one year. Shoreland permit by notification.
  - b. Suggestions on a middle ground process – to maintain and/or improve the riverine buffer using projects such as that which Tyson Morrill is currently engaged, to protect the shore from

erosion. Funding is from the forest service but a hurdle is that they are reluctant to fund repairs of already clear-cut areas.

- c. Eversource might improve the existing bridge over the Squam River in Ashland/New Hampton. Need a crane pad on both sides of the river if a new bridge is required.

Issue of woody debris being tossed into the river (McIver) associated with a development along Route 3 in Thornton. Sherrill will look at this. Myrtle and Katri might inquire via town hall. If it's a permit by notification, we'll be notified after the cutting is done.

**Special Permit Application # 22-077** for an herbicide permit along the Franklin Falls Dam. Comments are due 4/7 and should be sent to Matt Bosiak at DES. This is an annual event, for poison ivy control mostly.

**AoT 2115:** Plymouth downtown drainage improvement project: already approved. Soon to be town-owned land with a stormwater pond.

Bog Brook Rte 3 Campton update on repairing bridge: DES has comments about riprap, retention bag, etc.

Culvert replacement, Thornton. Myrtle moved, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> motion for Myrtle to sign off for PRLAC. All in favor.

Holderness Irving – adding 2 diesel pumps to 3+1 dispensers within 25 yr floodplain. Myrtle, Lisa, Barry will review. Judy interested if weekend trip possible.

**Bylaws discussion:**

Article III A to C - name change to commissioner versus chair

Article IV B - Tyson suggests allowing "at large" member to contribute to quorum status.

Article IV C – Discussion of virtual versus remote, to allow a virtual quorum

Article VII – Discussion of start time. Suggest change back to 7 pm start, with suggestion to keep meetings to 90 min.

Vote on Officers: nominees for Chair –Judy; for Vice Chair – Sherrill; for secretary – Lisa Doner

Other: Lisa: updates on Pemi Oxbow Recreation Area

Max: schedule for water testing.

Sherrill motion to adjourn; Suellen 2<sup>nd</sup>. None opposed. Adjourned 8:48 pm.

1. Preparation of a slate of officers for election at our April meeting
2. Other items...

3. **Adjourn**