

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee  
July 25, 2017 at Pease Public Library  
Plymouth, New Hampshire

**Minutes**

**Members Present**

Max Stamp (Bristol); Barry Draper (New Hampton); Leigh Sharps (Ashland); Bill Bolton (Plymouth); Fred Gunter (Thornton) Mike O'Donnell (Holderness)

**Also Present**

Tracy Tarr (GZEnvironmental), Lindsey White (GZEnviro), Kurt Nelson (EverSource), Donna Keeley (EverSource), Jonathon \_\_\_\_\_ (EverSource), , Katie Gallagher (Thornton) owner of SkiFanatics, David Jeffers (Lakes Region Planning Commission)

**Call to Order**

Chairman Bill Bolton called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

Fred made a motion seconded by Barry Draper to approve the minutes of June 27 2017 with one addition The motion carried unanimously.

**Expression of thanks**

PRLAC extends special thanks to David Toth and Alan Cilley of the Ashland Water and Sewer Commission and Nobis Engineering for their participation in our last meeting. It sets a very good tone for continuing conversations and to ensure that we all have a good understanding of information related to the river.

**Wetlands Permit Application**

Tracy Tarr, Senior Project Manager from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. gave a presentation regarding an upcoming project. GZA is preparing to submit a state wetlands permit application on behalf of EverSource for the L176 Transmission Line Rebuild Project in Franklin, Tilton, Belmont, and Laconia. The proposal for the project is on the way. Three people from EverSource were in attendance. Donna Keeley, (outreach), Jonathon (abutter outreach), and Kurt Gallagher. This project proposes to replace and construct transmission line structures within an existing Eversource ROW. The project is designed to maintain an existing transmission line, and does not propose to expand the existing ROW or add new utility lines to the ROW. 158 poles are to be replaced with minimal permanent wetland

impacts, and 16 sq. ft. of temporary pads. No movement of the lines within the ROW. Two new poles will be added . All new poles will be steel, 5' - 10' taller.

Minimal permanent wetland impacts. Over 200,000 sf of temporary impacts going into the In Lieu Fee program.

There was discussion about placement of poles, proximity to the river, and vegetative maintenance. Also discussed were the stormwater plan and movement of animals from the ROW in advance of equipment. GZA will do permitting and construction monitoring along with weekly reports. The project is slated to start in September and may take one year. To extend the life of a pole, some get treated with insecticide.

A site walk could be scheduled at the Boat Launch. Donna will call the city. Several members were interested in participating in such a walk.

### **Updates on Permit Applications**

No new permits had been received. Comments were submitted to DES regarding a DOT Dredge and Fill application to replace a failed culvert that carries storm runoff from a drainage ditch running along the west side of Daniel Webster Highway. Plymouth Water and Sewer has cancelled its plans to move the shed.

### **Water Testing Update**

Water monitoring is now up-to-date. The next testing will be on Aug 8 "Southern" sites and Aug. 9 for the "North" sites. After that testing is scheduled for 8/22 and 8/23, with 9/12 and 9/13 as optional.

There was some discussion about putting a "jumping screen" on the bridge in Plymouth, the costs associated with rescue and recovery, and the value of having some dangerous places.

There are continued efforts to engage PSU with the water monitoring program, either through the installation of continuous monitors or the involvement of student interns.

### **Open Issues**

The revised Updated Bylaws were reviewed. There was some discussion but a vote of adoption was postponed.

The PRLAC Secretary role is currently being carried out by D. Jeffers of LRPC. This task and level of attendance is not covered by the budget. Bill Bolton proposed that the minutes be taken on a rotating basis until a Secretary is elected.

Barry Draper reported Russ Brummer of New Hampton was moving forward with the process to become a second representative to PRLAC.

**Other:**

Katie Gallagher introduced herself and her business and explained some of the things that they might do at Ski Fanatics, which serves 5,000 boaters per year.

Annual report will be coming up.

Plymouth Selectboard decided to write a letter of support for National Grid.

**Adjournment:**

Fred Gunter made a motion seconded by Carl Lehner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 29.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Jeffers

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