

# Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee

Washington Lempster Marlow Gilsum Sullivan Surry Keene Swanzey Winchester Hinsdale

## Draft Minutes

September 20, 2016

7:00 p.m. Keene Public Library

Keene, New Hampshire

ARLAC members present: Barbara Skuly, Chairperson, Swanzey; Carl MacConnell, Gus Merwin, Marlow; Pablo Fleischmann, Gilsum; John Davis, Surry; Jim Holley, Eloise Clark, Keene.

I Minutes from July 19, 2016 were approved as corrected.

1. Chuck Mills resigned. Pablo will check on his re-nomination since it was submitted months ago. Jim, Barbara & Brett are due for renewal.
2. Treasury report: current balance is \$1,602.69 which does not reflect paid costs for Aug. E. coli of \$225. Will have additional cost of \$225 for Sept. E.coli plus expected \$300 for Sept. TP.

## II Permits

1. Gilsum Haywood Brook- DES asked for more info by 10/16; states town expects this project to be done next year.
2. Swanzey-wetlands: Main St. -concerns addressed permit issued 7/19
3. Winchester-emergency culvert: more info/engineering plans for Tier 2 stream requested, due 10/07.
4. Swanzey/ Winchester-shoreland PBN's: accepted for the 2 covered bridges; we never saw PBN's but did see the wetland applications.
5. Keene-wetlands: Beaver Brook/Rte 12 info received but not yet reviewed by DES.

## III Projects

1. Marlow -Tin Shop Pond- location for info Kiosk is on State Property; Marlow to submit a Shoreland PBN with NHDOT signature. Tree trimming will occur but no tree removal anticipated.  
-Canoe access at Mill St.- steep bank is an issue. Gus to get pictures and send to Barbara who will ask for design help from Fish & Game and PWAAB. Gus felt the town would be willing to do the work to make a safe access.
2. River monitoring
  - last month's sampling showed E.coli spike at Rte.101 site.
  - discussed buying complete sets of new meters for next year and seeking funding from private local companies.
  - can we find someone to evaluate data and present to the committee? -Spoke with Gus Ruth from Winchester who states they will be reviewing their support at their next meeting.
3. River clean-up this Fri.& Sat. John and Barbara will be volunteering on Sat in Swanzey.
4. Falls Brook connectivity project complete but for planting which is scheduled for October 3.

## IV Legislative

1. RSA 483 changes went into effect Aug 20
2. Instream flow rules will take about a year to allow for public informational meetings and formal rule making.

3. Shoreland rules- language keeping LAC's in receipt of applications now at Wetlands Council for review.

#### V Meetings

1. Why Did the Brook Trout Cross the Road? An Introduction to Fish- and Flood-Friendly Stream Crossings. Thurs, Nov 17, 7-8:30 p.m., Putnam Science Center, Room 126, KSC.
2. Annual Meeting of CCCD, Tues, Oct 25, 6pm. Eloise is being honored as Educator of the Year!

#### VI Additional Business

1. John Davis raised point of National Grid spraying right of ways. He spoke with Jonathan Duval who agreed they had an easement but that did not give them the right to contaminate private land. John emphasized the need to get property owners to say no to spraying and to seek alternatives to chemical sprays. It was understood that spraying is done with backpack sprayers and anything over 12 feet is subject to cut and daub.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Holley, Clerk