

Upper Valley Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions
Dec 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Lyme Town Office, Lyme, NH

NH Members:	Present	Absent
Alice Creagh, Hanover, NH		X
Jim Kennedy, Chair, Hanover, NH	X	
Eric Agterberg, Lebanon, NH	X	
Ruth Bleyler, Lebanon, NH	X	
Bruce Garland, Lebanon, NH (alt)		X
Sue MacKenzie, Lyme, NH	X	
John Mudge, Vice-Chair, Lyme, NH	X	
Christine Buntten, Orford, NH	X	
Carl Schmidt, Orford, NH		X
Karyn Brown, Piermont, NH		X
Helga Mueller, Piermont, NH		X

VT Members:	Present	Absent
Vacancy, Bradford, VT		
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Nancy Jones, Bradford, VT (alt)		X
Ben Dana, Fairlee, VT	X	
Vacancy, Fairlee, VT		
Danielle Allen, Fairlee, VT (alt)		X
David Barrell, Hartford, VT		X
Lynn Bohi, Hartford, VT	X	
Jason Houle, Hartford, VT (alt)		X
Tara Bamford, Thetford, VT	X	
Bill Bridge, Thetford, VT		X
Linda Matteson, Thetford, VT (alt)	X	
Melissa Horwitz, Norwich, VT		X
Bartlett Leber, Norwich, VT		X

Others present were Olivia Uyizeye of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

1. Chairman Kennedy opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and introductions were made.
2. Meeting Minutes Review

The October 15, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed. Current membership is noted as incorrect, specifically referencing Nancy Jones and Danielle Allen who are currently acting as alternates. MacKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Matteson seconded the motion, and unanimous agreement followed.

3. Permit Review

30 Occom Ridge (Hanover) steps and dock

Kennedy reported back on a site visit to the property. The property was recently reviewed by the subcommittee in relation to the construction of a garage. The owner is now seeking a permit to build a path down to a dock on the river. Kennedy reports the path is to be curvilinear and raised up above grade using helical piles. The impact to the bank is expected to be minimal. The height of the path would allow small mammals to move freely underneath and deer to jump over. The project is planned to be constructed by hand. The dock is to be seasonal, removed from the water during the colder months.

Kennedy says this is a “reasonable proposal”. Kennedy discussed a few modifications with the project team who was present at the site visit. It was asked that the dock have better anchoring to

accommodate changes in water levels during flooding. Some pooling would be expected on the sides of the walkway. Kennedy suggested using an absorptive material (e.g. woodchips) on the sides of the walkway to support drainage.

Kennedy opens the floor to further comments and questions. None are raised.

Thayer School Alteration of Terrain Permit

This permit is submitted by Dartmouth College. Kennedy reports that the storm drainage system for the site is connected to a larger system across multiple sites. The stormwater has been calculated for the entire watershed, and will be treated or pretreated. The drainage section for this system goes to the bottom of Tuck Drive (another goes to the Boat House). The multiple construction projects are being done on rotation to maintain traffic flow in the area.

During the review of a previous permit, a lost pipe was discovered. Kennedy reports that one pipe has been found and connected into the drainage system.

Kennedy opens the floor to further comments and questions. None are raised.

I-89 Bridge Comment Letter

Kennedy reports that the comment letter discussed at the previous letter has been submitted with edits that were submitted.

Lebanon Parks

Information has been shared with Mark Goodwin from Lebanon relating to mitigation funds. Kennedy suggests these funds might be used to support the cleanup of city owned land for use as a park area, rather than the funds going to the ARM fund.

Twin State Underground Storage Tank

Kennedy reports that the LRS is working to schedule a site visit but no updates were received.

River Road (Lyme) Construction Progress Report

MacKenzie reports that River Rd is now open to one way traffic. Construction will resume after the winter and the road fully closed for another 6-8 weeks.

4. Other Updates

FERC Update

The final relicensing application is due in July/August, followed by a period for public review and comment.

Jacobs Brook (Orford)

Kennedy provides an update on the restoration planning effort, now seeking funds from the Mitigation Enhancement Fund Grant. Ron Rhodes (CRC) will be running the project that has been scaled back to shrub and tree plantings. Kennedy has submitted an excavation plan to NHDOT and plans to send NHDES plans for the planting work soon. Orford has agreed to pay for the application fees and provide matching funds. Bunten reports on a message from Carl Schmidt (representative from Orford) that funds have been given to pay for the permit by Orford.

Bamford made a motion to write a letter of support for the grant application. Bohi seconded the motion, and unanimous agreement followed. Bamford agrees to compose the letter.

5. Other Business

Agterberg raises a question about committee jurisdiction on a road bank stabilization project in Lebanon on Rudsboro Road, along Mascoma Lake. Kennedy responds that the appropriate body for review is the Lebanon Conservation Commission.

Kennedy reports on discussions had at the CRJC Full Commissions Meeting on December 17, 2018. Lionel Chute presented on updating the 2009 Water Resources Management Plan, written by CRJC. The plan included participation from present representatives Bohi and Matteson. Chute performed a brainstorming activity on topics of concern. The top four among the commissioners were: Reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, Increase/enhance riparian buffers, Improve shoreland and floodplain development, and Improve stormwater management. Kennedy asks representatives to review the full list of goals (see attached) and identify any other items they feel are of high importance. Agterberg identifies Wastewater discharge. Bohi identifies Culvert network. It is mentioned that the culvert network could fall under stormwater management. Matteson identifies Road/railroad impacts. Kennedy says that updates to the Plan, particularly outdated data on the relicensing process and regulations, would be of benefit to update. There is presently no funding to support such a process. Bamford notes that the last time this plan was written, there was more staff with the CRJC to support the work of volunteers. It would be difficult to proceed without this same level of support. Kennedy reports that someone from VTANR has asked about the plan and whether funding is needed.

6. Adjourn

Bohi made a motion to adjourn. Bleyler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.