

Upper Valley Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions
November 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Video Conference Call

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	
Bill Malcolm, Lyme, NH	X	
Vacancy, Lyme, NH		
Ted Cooley, Orford, NH	X	
Carl Schmidt, Orford, NH	X	
Karyn Brown, Piermont, NH		X
Helga Mueller, Piermont, NH		X

VT Members:	Present	Absent
Vacancies, Bradford, VT		
Ben Dana, Fairlee, VT	X	
Vacancy, Fairlee, VT		
Danielle Allen, Fairlee, VT (alt)		X
David Barrell, Hartford, VT		X
Lynn Bohi, Hartford, VT	X	
Tara Bamford, Thetford, VT	X	
Bill Bridge, Thetford, VT	X	
Linda Matteson, Thetford, VT (alt)	X	
Vacancies, Norwich, VT		

Olivia Uyizeye, Staff from UVLSRPC

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Kennedy called the meeting, conducted via conference call, to order at 7:01 PM under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A, New Hampshire’s Right-to-Know law, as allowed by Emergency Order 11 under Executive Order 2020-04 in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. Chair Kennedy conducted a roll call of LAC members, invited any guests to introduce themselves, and welcomed all present.

Kennedy informs the group that he is resigning as chair and will also be resigning as a representative for Hanover.

2. September Meeting Minutes

Kennedy opens up discussion on the September meeting minutes. Kennedy informs that the two permits reviewed and commented on continue to be processed. Malcolm makes a motion to approve the minutes without edits. Schmidt seconds. The vote passes unanimous by roll call vote.

3. Permit Review

a. Shoreland Permit, 36 River Rd, Hanover (2020-02698)

Kennedy informs that he received the full permit – a very complete set of plans. Kennedy did not see any problems. NHDES noted they have to recalculate the amount of disturbed habitat. An electronic copy was not received. The work proposed includes tearing down an existing house and replacing it with a new one, keeping the front yard swimming pool. It utilizes the same footprint, no closer to the river than before. The septic system leach field is just inside the shoreland protection zone, near the road.

Malcolm asks if the application will come before a Hanover board. Kennedy says no, only a standard building permit. Uyizeye will circulate the request for more information from NHDES and an electronic copy, if received. Bamford asks if trees will be removed. Kennedy says no, also nothing is being disturbed within 75 ft distance of the river.

Bamford makes a motion to write a letter indicating no concerns rose on the project and encouragement for keeping all of the shoreland vegetation. Bohi seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimous by roll call vote.

b. Wetlands Standard Permit, Romano Cir, Lebanon (2020-02659)

Kennedy informs the group that no materials were received. Kennedy will inform NHDES that the chair did not receive the application and requests that it be sent. Unclear what the work on the application includes.

4. Other Updates & Business

a. Commissioners Update & LRS Summary Report

Bamford says the commissioners have not met since the last update. Uyizeye is drafting up the town report to be circulated. Bamford makes a motion for Bohi, Vice-chair review and approve the Town Report before submission. Malcolm seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimous by roll call vote. Bohi will open the report for comments directly to her for 3-5 days, before finalizing and authorizing its submission.

b. Thanks to Kennedy

Schmidt asks the LRS to thank Kennedy for his long and substantive commitment to the Subcommittee and CRJC. All unanimous agreement in thanks to Jim!

5. Adjourn

Cooley makes a motion to adjourn. Malcolm seconds the motion. The vote passes unanimous by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.