CRJC Headwaters Subcommittee Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2024 - 7:00PM
In Person Meeting – Town Hall, Colebrook, NH
Virtual Join via Zoom

Attendees

Pittsburg			Northumberland	Edwin Mellett	Х
Pittsburg			Northumberland	Dale Covey	Р
Colebrook	Kevin McKinnon	Р	Bloomfield		
Colebrook			Bloomfield		
Stratford			Lemington		
Stratford	Jennifer Caron	Х	Lemington		
Clarksville			Maidstone		
Clarksville			Maidstone		
Stewartstown			Canaan	Tom Caron	Р
Stewartstown			Canaan		
Columbia			Brunswick		
Columbia			Brunswick		

Note: P = present in person; V = present over remote virtual platform; X = not present

Virtual: Olivia Uyizeye (Staff, UVLSRPC)

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair McKinnon called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. Meeting Minutes from December

Caron moves to accept the December minutes. McKinnon seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

3. Permit Reviews and Communications

a. US Rte 3, Columbia (Shoreland, #2024-01987, Deadline 8/9 however extension provided to submit late comments)

Construct a 2 bedroom home with associated well and septic system.

No materials received. No one has seen to the site. It may be the Hastings lot that was subdivided.

b. Pittsburg on lake Francis

Members agree nothing of concern. Back of the setbacks on small, one-third acre site.

c. Special Permit, NHDOT Herbicide Application (Sites in Northumberland)

Herbicide application sites are around bridges in Northumberland. Members discuss whether signage is being put up to let people know when its happening. Caron will ask Tim Purrington about signage - Good public relations. Knotweed and phragmites are the main issues.

Covey discusses a meeting with the American Society of American Foresters where the group highlighted a lot more issues concerning invasive species. An entire river corridor in northern part of state was knotweed – can't even get to the river. Goats like to eat it, otherwise minimum wildlife value.

d. Shoreland Permit, 87 Timberland Rd, Pittsburg (2024-02477)

The site hosts a series of cabins on old Connecticut lake, on the same water system. Fixing two of the cabins. Buildings are the same footprint, about 60-80 ft from the lake. Materials show the existing cabin and temporary cabin location during construction. As long as not expanding the footprint than OK. Will maintain erosion controls. The work will use a crane to move the cabin, which will allow the foundation to be improved, and then the cabin moved back. Members understand the project as a maintenance effort due to no expansion.

e. Shoreland Permit, 12 Foote Rd, Pittsburg (2024-02395, comments due 9/9)

Description: Removing a 1,648 sf dwelling/decks and replacing it with a 1,844 sf dwelling. There is an existing on-site potable water supply and septic system.

No materials received. Needs to be at least 50 ft outside shoreland protection. Caron will drive by to take a look at the site.

4. Updates & Other Business

a. Town/Member updates

In VT, roads really devastated from recent flooding. Also in Pittsburg/ Clarksville, NH. Connecticut lakes Headwaters committee expects that part of road network will not be ready for this Fall after damage. McKinnon discusses recent engineering approach where anything more than a 3ft culvert should utilize a bridge. Members express concerns regarding the expense of permitting.

Covey will hopefully have more information on the plan for Murphy dam by the next meeting. Supposed to have a meeting this fall that will discuss the timeline for repairs.

5. Adjourn

Caron moves to adjourn. Covey seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.