

CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee

Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting at AHEAD Conference Room

Attendance

Lancaster	Rob Christie	P	Monroe	Steve Sherman	X	Guildhall		
Lancaster			Monroe	Justin Bradshaw	P	Guildhall		
Dalton			Bath	Rick Walling	P	Lunenburg		
Dalton	Gal Potashnick	X	Bath			Lunenburg		
Littleton	Sean Doll	X	Haverhill	Pauline Corzilius	X	Concord	Deborah Noble	V
Littleton			Haverhill	Howard Hatch	X	Concord		
Waterford	William (Bill) Piper	X	Haverhill	Gale Lewis	X			
Waterford	Roberta Gillotte	P	Barnet	Bill (William) Graves	P	Ryegate	Sally Wilson	X
Newbury			Barnet	John Fairchild	X	Ryegate		
Newbury								

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

Partners Present: Greg Castell (CRJC Commissioner); Ian Garland (CRJC Staff; Virtually).

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1. Welcome & Introductions

Christie called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 2024

Walling motioned to approve the August minutes without changes. Graves seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Permit Reviews and Communications

a. Monroe Shoreland Permit Application (Past comment period)

This permit allows for the Demo of an existing home, build new home, same location on larger footprint.

Christie explained what the permit was for.

Walling mentioned that even if it's past comment period they can still submit comments, but they might not be submitted.

Bradshaw explained where the permit application is located.

Christie and Bradshaw discussed the details of the permit. Bradshaw mentioned that he was surprised to see this permit pop up due to the history of the project.

Christie said that they need to either show the permit or the permitting process for the extra added land. 920,000 ft are mentioned even though the lot is only 6.4 acres.

Bradshaw mentioned that the numbers don't make sense based on the permit application.

Christie mentioned that they're past the comment period and asked if there is anything to ask about the permit.

Walling motioned that they have the chair write a response that the math isn't working out. The project should conform to the application. Noble seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. NHDES Rivers Management and Protection Program LRS Website

Christie explained the role of the committee to the rest of the group.

Garland Reminded the group of the survey for NHDES that was sent out and said that he would send it out again after the meeting.

There were no other comments on the LRS Website.

5. Updates & Other Business

a. Lancaster Riparian Restoration

Christie gave an update on the project. The project is the school district and town, 400,000 coming from the ARM fund. The grant has been turned back 155,000 would be used before the work was done. The town decided not to accept the grant. 30,000 from the moose fund. Some informal funding for experts came from CRC. Hard to navigate all the players.

Gillotte said that it seems like there should be more promotion of the CRJC to small towns showing that they can help.

b. Member and Local Updates

Christie mentioned that he's talked to people from the towns but there hasn't been much interest.

There was then discussion from the group about the process of appointing people to the LRS members

Noble asked what information members bring back to their towns.

Christie mentioned that he asks Lancaster if there is anything they would like to ask before the meeting.

Gillotte asked about a boat launch that was given ownership during the dam relicensing, are there funds available to help with this boat launch?

Bradshaw said that there is an issue with vandalism

Gillotte said that it's due to increased access.

Bradshaw mentioned that there is enhanced security during domestic incidents because it is owned by national grid.

Christie said that northern forest in Lancaster that they want to start a kayak launch

Walling said that a good application might help with the boat launch issue.

Gillotte said that it might be good to have an onboarding documents.

Christie said that he could send the link to provide that link to everyone.

Christie asked if the way they talk about permits is working. The group said that the current process works.

Walling mentioned that he would like the permit applications to be sent to Garland at the UVLSRPC address.

Garland said he could receive them.

Christie asked if Littleton works as a meeting space.

Meeting Space and Time:

Noble said that Littleton works but the building is confusing

Bradshaw said that he would like to make sure that the room number and floor is mentioned in the agenda. Room 105 1st floor.

Christie asked if the meeting time still works (5:30)

Walling mentioned that Garland could create a poll to see what time works for everyone.

Gillotte talked about the Waterford library as a potential location.

Walling said that Littleton has the best attendance.

Graves mentioned that it's 31-32 miles to get to Littleton. Mentioned that they've had meetings in Monroe. Said that Littleton has the best attendance.

Walling said that there should be a poll to see if 6:30-8 works better.

Other (Various Topics):

The group discussed potentially electing a new vice chair because doll may want to step down.

Noble talked about the local flooding of the area and how far different items ended up traveling along the river (mass)

Walling clarified that the group is a subcommittee of the CRJC

Greg introduced himself and talked about how at the CRJC to be more involved with the local subcommittees.

Christie asked if the group could expect Greg to come to every meeting

Castell said that he wasn't sure if he could make every meeting, but he volunteered to go to the subcommittee meetings.

Graves talked about how up and down the river now there are active small farms that aren't dairy oriented, and some may not go to gladstones facility. Ship somewhere around 5 tons of crops a week.

Christie mentioned that the largest dairy farm in NH is in Lancaster.

Walling mentioned that there's a concord winemaker that needs to lease a facility that needs 4 feet of soil, want to find a place they can buy 6 acres and hillside.

Gillotte: has been told that their hours of having the boat launch are through the regulations of the relicensing.

Bradshaw mentioned that there should be a recreation plan summary. Great River Hydro needs to establish one. Matthew Cole could provide it.

Christie said that he could send that link to everyone as a starting point.

6. Adjourn

Walling motions to adjourn. Graves seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

The meeting concludes at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Ian Garland.

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