

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

2019 members and municipality represented:

- Dick Ludders, Weare (Chair)
- John Magee, At-Large
- Andy Cadorette, Goffstown
- Alan Garfield, Goffstown
- Jane Beaulieu, Manchester
- Gary Samuels, Deering
- Mike Thomas, Deering
- Kevin Pobst, Francestown

Membership was stable. One member remains from the original Committee.

Meetings:

Typically scheduled to be held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Emma Sawyer Room of the Weare Public Library, a total of twelve meetings were held in 2019. The meeting December 16, 2019 was the Committee's 264th meeting since the first meeting September 1, 1994.

DES Permit Application Reviews:

The Committee received 16 applications for DES Shoreland Protection (6), Alteration of Terrain (1), and Wetland (9) permits, commenting on all of them. Herbicide application for the control of milfoil in Namaske Lake was reviewed and commented upon at the request of the permitting agency, the NH Dept. of Agriculture. Concern for Goffstown project development within proximity of the river which did not involve NHDES permit applications resulted in agreement by the town to provide the PB and ConCom agendas to PRLAC to identify those projects warranting PRLAC input.

Significant review and comment on the wetland rule changes was undertaken from January through December.

Other Committee Activities:

The PRLAC once again participated in Goffstown's Pumpkin Regatta in October to raise public awareness of the Piscataquog River.

The proposed major redevelopment of a former factory site in the center of Goffstown has been monitored by PRLAC members with the expectation of PRLAC review of the plans in 2019.

In May a river clean-up was organized by the PRLAC in the vicinity of Bass Island Park at the mouth of the Piscataquog in Manchester. The PRLAC participated as a "Friend of Bass Island Park", a support group organized by the Manchester PRLAC representative.

Two projects continue to be explored by the PRLAC for their feasibility; a portage stairway below the Mill St. dam in Goffstown center and preparation of river maps that highlight recreational opportunities along all three branches of the river.