

## PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

#### 2017 members and municipality represented:

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

#### 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 2017. The meeting December 18, 2017 was the Committee's 240<sup>th</sup> meeting since the first meeting September 1, 1994. Membership was stable throughout the year with one member remaining from the original Committee.

#### DES Permit Application Reviews:

The Committee received 17 applications for DES Shoreland Protection, Alteration of Terrain, and Wetland permits, commenting on 15 of them. Additionally, one site development within proximity of the river which did not involve NHDES permit applications was brought to the attention of the Committee by a municipal official.

Two herbicide applications for the control of milfoil in Namaske Lake and Scobie Pond were reviewed and commented upon at the request of the permitting agency, the NH Dept. of Agriculture. The main objective of the Committee's comments was to advocate and encourage a variety of control techniques so as to reduce the need for herbicide applications.

#### Other Committee Activities:

The PRLAC once again participated in Goffstown's Old Home Day in June. The objective was to raise public awareness of the Piscataquog River and has become an annual event for the PRLAC.

Two members of the PRLAC attended an LAC workshop organized by the NHDES in May.

The PRLAC met on site with the NHDOT at Bass Island in Manchester to review the post-construction condition following the I-293 improvement project. The Committee has long advocated expansion of Bass Island Park to include the entire island and sent a written recommendation to the Manchester Park Department in 2017.

The Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) requested assistance identifying sites in the Piscataquog River watershed for a vegetation planting effort they are undertaking. The Committee identified a number of potential sites and provided contacts with appropriate municipal officials.

A major redevelopment of a former factory site in the center of Goffstown has been monitored by PRLAC members through several municipal board meetings with the expectation of PRLAC review of the plans in 2018.