

PISCATAQUOG RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

2018 members and municipality represented:

- Dick Ludders, Weare
- John Magee, At-Large
- Andy Cadorette, Goffstown
- Alan Garfield, Goffstown
- Jane Beaulieu, Manchester
- Gary Samuels, Deering
- Mike Thomas, Deering
- Kevin Pobst, Francestown
- Mary Koon, New Boston

Membership was stable throughout the year with two members joining and one resigning. 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 2018. The meeting December 17, 2018 was the Committee's 252nd meeting since the first meeting September 1, 1994.

DES Permit Application Reviews:

The Committee received 18 applications for DES Shoreland Protection, Alteration of Terrain, and Wetland permits, commenting on 16 of them. Concern for Goffstown project development within proximity of the river which did not involve NHDES permit applications prompted the PRLAC to identify criteria for review of such projects. If Goffstown accepts the criteria in 2019, the PRLAC will look to establish similar criteria for the other PRLAC towns/city.

Herbicide applications for the control of milfoil in Namaste Lake and Scobie Pond were reviewed and commented upon at the request of the permitting agency, the NH Dept. of Agriculture. One member provided dissolved oxygen data and photos of Scobie Pond following the application there.

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 September, a river clean-up was organized by the PRLAC in the vicinity of Bass Island at the mouth of the Piscataquog in Manchester.

At the close of 2018 two projects are being 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.