

RIVERS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2006
Littleton Senior Center
77 Riverglen Lane
6:00 – 6:35 pm

Members Present

Ken Kimball, Chair
Michele L. Tremblay, Vice Chair
Ken Gallager
Deborah Hinman
William Heinz
Allan Palmer

Representing

Recreational Interests
Conservation Interests
Office of Energy and Planning
NH Assn. Conservation Commissions
Granite State Hydropower
Business and Industry Association

Term

Dec. 28, 2008 V
Dec. 28, 2008 V
Indefinite NV
Oct. 12, 2007 V
Jan. 5, 2009 V
Sept. 28, 2007 V

Members Absent

Bob Beurivage
John Magee
Walter Morse
Gail McWilliam Jellie
Johanna Lyons
Wesley Stinson
Ted Sutton
Vacant

Public Water Suppliers
Fish & Game Department
NH Fish & Game Commission
Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food
Dept. Resources & Economic Development
Historical & Archaeological Interests
Municipal Government
Agricultural Interests

Sept. 28, 2007 V
Indefinite NV
Sept. 28, 2009 V
Indefinite NV
Indefinite NV
June 15, 2007 V
Nov. 16, 2008 V
March 22, 2006 V

Guests Present

Ray Lobdell

Ammonoosuc Corridor Advisory Committee & Town of Littleton

DES Staff Present

Steve Couture
Laura Weit
Paul Currier

Rivers Coordinator
Lakes and Rivers Asst. Planner
Administrator, Watershed Mgmt. Bureau

The Meeting Was Called to Order

Ken Kimball, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

I. 6:00-6:10 Introductions/Minutes/Committee Business

- 1) April 12, 2006 Meeting Minutes - Vote Required
Michele Tremblay requested that on the first page of the meeting minutes "Department of Agriculture" be changed to "Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food".
 - ***Michele Tremblay made a motion to accept the April 12, 2006 meeting minutes as amended. Bill Heinz seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted.***
- 2) RMAC Membership Status
Michele Tremblay has been nominated for reappointment. Her nomination was confirmed by Governor and Council on May 3, 2006 and her term expires on December 28, 2008.
 - ***Steve Couture agreed to determine the status of Alan Bartlett's nomination to represent agriculture interests on the RMAC.***

II. 6:10-6:30 Surplus Land Reviews (SLR) – Disposition of State-Owned Properties

- 1) SLRs – 06-005 Town of Wentworth (South Branch of the Baker River) – Vote Required
DRED proposes to enter into a 25 year lease, with one additional 25 year term, with the Baker River Valley Snowmobile Club (BRVSC) at Foster and Colburn State Forest. The property is 220 acres. The current use of the property is a working forest and agriculture field land that contains snowmobile trails and the Baker River Valley Clubhouse facility.
 - ***Debby Hinman motioned to recommend disposal as submitted with the understanding that if additional uses (ex. other motorized vehicles such as ATVs) are proposed in the future, more information would be needed and the Committee would need to review that additional use. Michele Tremblay seconded and the motion was unanimously voted.***
- 2) DOT 06-03: Town of New Hampton (Pemigewasset River)
DOT proposes to dispose of approximately 9.8 acres between the westerly side of Interstate 93. This parcel is a portion of a larger parcel acquired in 1952 with federal transportation funds for the construction of Interstate 93. The parcel falls within the jurisdiction of the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) and the RMAC.

Ken Gallagher expressed his concern with the overlap of the scenic easement and the property boundary.

Laura Weit indicated that she met with Phil Miles to determine if DOT was aware of the scenic easement. DOT has not done any deed research on this parcel and Phil assured Laura that if DOT did sell the property, language would be included on the deed to make sure the property did not encroach upon the scenic easement.

Ken Kimball commented on the lack of information pertaining to the intended use of the parcel.

Laura Weit pointed out that Phil Miles indicating that DOT has a MOU with the state police to use the parcel for target practice. She also commented that Max Stamp, Chair of the PRLAC conducted a site visit and submitted a report. Max noted a significant amount of excavation on the site along with training stalls, a modular building, and an old police car. The PRLAC's only concern is if the ultimate use of the property includes a significant increase in impervious surfaces, bioretention provisions should be include to filter runoff to the river.

Ken Kimball expressed his concern regarding potential lead contamination.

- ***Michele Tremblay motioned to ask DOT for more information pertaining to the intended use of the property (ex. sale or lease), the prospective purchaser or lessee, evidence of potential lead contamination, and a resolution to the overlap of the scenic easement. Debby Hinman seconded and the motion was unanimously voted.***

III. 6:30-6:35 pm Other Business/Action Item Review

Michele Tremblay indicated that she will not be able to attend the next meeting scheduled for July 24, 2006.

- ***Debby Hinman motioned to re-elect the current officers – Ken Kimball, Chair and Michele Tremblay as Vice Chair. Allan Palmer seconded and the motion was unanimously voted.***

1) Action items

1. Post approved minutes to the web.
2. Send RMAC Action for SLR 06-005: Town of Wentworth to CORD.
3. Send RMAC Action for DOT 06-03: Town of New Hampton to DOT.
4. Determine status of Alan Bartlett's nomination to the RMAC.
5. Next RMAC meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2006 at DES.
6. Agenda items for next meeting: Ammonoosuc River Nomination, SLRs, Status of MOA with DOT, and Env-Wq 1800.

VII. Next Meeting Date/Adjourn:

Next meeting dates: – Monday, July 24, 2006 9:30 pm - 12:30 pm

- ***Bill Heinz motioned to adjourn meeting. Michele Tremblay seconded and the motion was unanimously voted.***

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm