



RIVERS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NH Rivers Management and Protection Program



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RMAC MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2018
NH Fish and Game Office, Concord, NH
1:45 – 3:30 pm

Members Present

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair
Larry Spencer, Vice Chair
Edna Feighner
Jennifer Gilbert
Kayla Henderson
Patrick Hummel
Mark Lombardi
John Magee
Allan Palmer
Norman Sims
Ruth Ward
Donald Ware

Representing

Conservation Community
NH Association of Conservation Comm.
Historical & Archaeological Interests
Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives
Commissioner, DOS for Whitney Welch
Commissioner, DNCR
Granite State Hydropower Assoc.
Executive Director, F&G
NH Business and Industry Association
Recreational Interests
Local River Management Advisory Comm.
Public Water Suppliers

Term

Dec. 28, 2020 V
Oct. 12, 2019 V
June 15, 2019 V
Indefinite NV
Indefinite NV
Indefinite NV
Jan. 5, 2018 V
Indefinite NV
Sept. 28, 2019 V
Dec. 28, 2020 V
Sept. 5, 2019 V
Sept. 28, 2019 V

Members Absent

Mark Hemmerlein
Frederick McNeill
Gail McWilliam Jellie
Roger Noonan
Jim Ryan

Commissioner, DOT
Municipal Government
Comm., Dept of Ag., Markets & Food
Agricultural Community
NH Fish & Game Commission

Indefinite NV
Nov. 16, 2020 V
Indefinite NV
Mar. 22, 2018 V
Sept. 28, 2018 V

NHDES Staff Present

Kathy Black Rivers and Lakes Programs
Tracie Sales Rivers and Lakes Programs

Guests

Jim Kennedy CT River Upper Valley LAC Chair
Gene Porter Lower Merrimack River LAC Chair

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Michele L. Tremblay called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm. Michele re-welcomed everyone and introduced Jim Kennedy LAC Chair of the Connecticut River Upper Valley LAC.

II. Acceptance of the Consent Agenda

- **Ruth Ward made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, consisting of 1) the RMAC Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018 with a correction regarding an award for the Friends of the Pemi; 2) RMAC membership status; 3) RMAC and joint RMAC/LMAC subcommittee representatives; and 4) the Financial Disclosure form. Second by Allan Palmer. Motion passed with one abstention and none opposed.**

III. RMPP Legislation and Internal Policy

1) 2018 Legislative Review

Larry Spencer thanked the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee for their work. He reported that the subcommittee recommended that the RMAC support with amendment HB1797 and SB368; oppose HB1104, HB1310, SB454, and SB529; track SB444; and delete SB410 and SB471. Positions on other bills remained unchanged. The RMAC discussed the proposed positions of the bills and Norman Sims suggested opposing SB410 related to registration fees for canoes/kayaks as the money collected does not benefit canoe/kayakers. The RMAC decided to track this bill.

- *Larry Spencer made a motion to accept the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee's recommendations on 2018 Legislation with the noted change for SB410 to track, second by Ruth Ward. Motion passed unanimously.*

The RMAC discussed changing the position voted on December 6, 2017 for HB1233 to support the bill based on the anticipated amendment language, and decided to maintain the position as oppose until the amendment language was available.

2) Policy and Legislation Subcommittee Procedure Update

Michele presented the proposed changes to the Policy and Legislation Procedure document including eliminating unintentional voting via email, removing the reference to Legislative Service Requests (LSR), and adding the requirement that the Vice Chair of the RMAC also chair the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee. Fred McNeill, who was not in attendance, submitted comments on the standing positions and in opposition to requiring the Vice Chair of the RMAC to be the Chair of the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee. The RMAC discussed Fred's preference that the Subcommittee Chair not be either the RMAC Chair or Vice Chair. The group also discussed the removal of the reference to LSRs when describing the possible legislative positions.

- *Larry Spencer made a motion to accept the proposed updates to the Policy and Legislation Policy and Procedures document but retain the reference to LSRs in the RMAC Positions section, second by Mark Lombardi. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Allan Palmer made a motion to add to the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee Procedure that the RMAC Chair and Chair of the RMAC Policy and Legislation Subcommittee must both agree that the bill fulfills the intent outlined in the approved Standing RMAC Legislative Positions for action to be taken without a vote of the full committee, second by Larry Spencer. Motion passed unanimously.*

3) Standing RMAC Legislative Positions

Larry described the proposed Standing RMAC Legislative Positions and recommended removing RMAC Vice Chair from the enabling policy statement. Allan and Mark discussed replacing the word 'raiding' with 'reallocation' for the opposition position related to dedicated funds. They also recommended removing the support position of "Legislation increasing the size of wetland buffers" and the oppose position of "Repeal of shoreland permitting fees, or allowing shoreland permitting fees to sunset" from the document.

- *Larry Spencer made a motion to accept the Standing RMAC Legislative Positions with the revisions noted by the RMAC, second by Ruth Ward. Motion passed unanimously.*

4) RMAC Election Policy

Michele presented the proposed amendments to the RMAC Election Policy which included adding a new section Duties which added the duty of the Vice Chair of the RMAC act as the Chair of RMAC Policy and Legislation Subcommittee and revised the Resignations section to address the issue of the Vice Chair resigning from the RMAC.

- *Larry Spencer made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the RMAC Election Policy document, second by Ruth Ward. Motion passed unanimously.*

IV. RMPP Program Outreach

1) RMPP 30th Anniversary

Michele thanked Larry Spencer for creating the proposed RMPP 30th Anniversary Celebration Ideas and John Magee for his additions. She reminded the group to mark their calendars for the Wild & Scenic Film Festival on Friday, March 30, 2018 (Idea #2) and explained that NHDES has a Twitter account and could tweet about river related events and RMPP program information (Idea #7). The RMAC discussed the ideas and requested that the small group focus on ideas 2, 4, 5, and 7 and report on progress related to these ideas at the next meeting.

2) RMPP Presentations to Legislative Committees

The RMPP Biennial Report was presented to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee during the public hearing for the Warner River Designation bill. Michele will schedule a time for the RMPP Presentation to the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee.

V. RMAC Representation on Other Committees and Member Comments

1) WQSAC

Due to time constraints this topic was not covered during the meeting.

2) River Restoration Task Force

The River Restoration Task Force meeting scheduled for mid-January was postponed, so no update was necessary.

3) Other Member Updates

Jennifer Gilbert shared information about the winter issue of the Flood Lines newsletter including a link to a new fact sheet on ice jams. RMAC members requested that they be added to Jennifer's distribution list for the newsletter.

Michele asked the committee to confirm the vote on the surplus land disposal on Mascoma Lake in Enfield made during the joint RMAC/LMAC meeting:

- *Michele L. Tremblay repeated the motion made by Larry Spencer during the Joint Meeting to approve the fee simple transfer of the property on Mascoma Lake in Enfield from DOT to the Town of Enfield with the condition that the deed reflect that this property is open to the general public, and not restricted to town residents only, second by Don Ware. Motion passed unanimously.*

VI. Other Business and Action Item Review

1) Other Business

Michele discussed the idea that the next RMAC meeting include a tour of the Suncook River evulsion site and shoreline stabilization project.

2) Action Item Review

Action item	Leader	Supporter(s)	Target Date	Meeting Date
Email Jennifer Gilbert to add RMAC members to the	Tracie Sales	Kathy Black	01.26.2018	01.19.2018
Report on RMPP 30th Anniversary ideas 2, 4, 5 and 7 at next meeting	Larry Spencer	Michele L. Tremblay, John Magee, Tracie Sales, Kathy Black	03.19.2018	01.19.2018
Contact LAC about willingness to provide river photos and/or sponsor a day on their river as part of the 30 th Anniversary Celebration	Tracie Sales	Kathy Black, Michele L. Tremblay	03.19.2018	01.19.2018
Post Ted Dier's Salt presentation on the RMAC Blog	Kathy Black	Tracie Sales	01.26.2018	01.19.2018
Contact Ned Beecher re: Biosolids presentation	Michele L. Tremblay	Tracie Sales	Future meeting	12.06.2017

3) Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Suncook River tour and RMAC meeting in mid-March.

- *Michele L. Tremblay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Larry Spencer. Motion passed unanimously.*

3:55 pm Meeting Adjourned