

Oyster River Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting of March 12, 2012

Members Present: Eric Fiegenbaum, Bob Eckert, John Wallace, Jim Hornbeck, Tom Falk, Dave Shay

Approval of Previous Minutes: Previous meeting “notes” from December 19, 2011 and February 13, 2012, taken prior to the selection of officers, were not officially approved as minutes, but were referred to and will be kept on file.

New Business:

- Eric F. made a motion to have the 2012 regular monthly meetings held the second Monday of each month, at 5:30PM, at the Madbury town hall. The motion was seconded by John W. and passed by unanimous vote.
- Eric F. made a motion to adopt the ORLAC By-Laws as written. The issue of staggering terms was discussed such that a majority of members’ terms don’t end between September – July 2014 as listed. Eric F. suggested that DES may have to be the one to decide whether or not to change term end dates. The motion was seconded by Jim H. and passed by unanimous vote.
- Eric F. made a motion to accept the nominated officers as of February 2012 thru February 2013. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Committee officers are:
Chair Eric Fiegenbaum, Madbury
Vice Chair John Wallace, Barrington
Secretary David Shay, Lee
Treasurer Richard Horan, Durham
- Bob E. asked for the OR watershed map slide presented by Jim H. and a discussion ensued regarding the importance of gathering maps of properties in the OR corridor and their value for permit evaluation.
- Jim H. gave a talk on the subject of the OR Water Quality Monitors/Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP). Topics discussed were the partners involved in the program, the reasons for monitoring, the parameters analyzed and the importance of each, and a summary of how the data is used.
- Bob E. asked the committee for contributions in his effort to compile a file of research related to the OR
- Map sharing using ArcView Home was discussed. Eric F. presented maps he created using the software showing overlays of roads, soil type, property lines, buffer zones, etc. of the OR corridor. Several members of the committee have the capability to produce GIS-type maps of the OR corridor that will be useful to the LAC when evaluating matters pertaining to the corridor. Tom F. will create a map atlas of the OR watershed and corridor that can be used as a reference.
- Highlights of the Local River Advisory Committee Workshop, held March 10 in Concord, were discussed.
- A letter of introduction to the LAC towns was discussed. Eric F. will draft a letter introducing the membership and requesting the towns post the schedule of regular LAC meeting dates. A second letter, forthcoming from NHDES, will ask that the LAC be appraised of any activities or plans coming before the towns that fall within the OR corridor.
- The matter of how towns will post LAC meeting minutes was discussed. Eric F. suggested they be made available at the oysterriverlac.org website.
- Eric F. moves to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded, and passed.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2012

Submitted By _____
David Shay