

Oyster River Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting of September 10, 2012

Members Present: Eric Fiegenbaum, Dick Horan, John Wallace, Jim Hornbeck, Tom Falk

Approval of Previous Minutes: Meeting minutes for August 13, 2012 are approved.

New Business:

- Kyle Pimental from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission attended to explain and discuss a Source Water Protection Grant that we might use for help in writing the Corridor Mgt. Plan. While dollars are slim there is a chance for granting because the OR is a drinking water source for Durham. The grants are competitive and we would increase our chances by 1. having support from the Selectboards and Town Council, and 2. counting Committee time as a match. The management plan would contain information from the nomination document as well as a gathering of issues from interviews and focus groups. There was some discussion as to how Durham's integrated watershed plan might be worked into the corridor plan. The plan should identify goals and actions the towns can take to protect the river. Kyle has been in touch with Barrington and Lee and will contact Durham. Eric Fiegenbaum will speak with Madbury about a support letter.
- DES acknowledged receiving Julianne Boucher's resignation letter.
- The hardcopy of the Emerald Acres wetland permit was available. It included an updated draft study on the increased flow capacity the replacement bridge will allow. There were no further comments; John Wallace will draft a comment letter to send to DES.
- David Shay has forwarded a copy of a letter from DES to UNH/Durham Water System's consultants for the proposed municipal well in Lee near Spruce Hole. The letter addresses potential impacts to Chesley Brook and its population of the NH endangered American brook lamprey. Eric will contact DES to see if we should be in the loop on this and provide comment.
- The plan for a mini-series on nitrogen issues in the Great Bay was discussed and Eric will contact Michelle Daley and Dean Peschel on their availability.
- There was a brief discussion about a program that places "designated river" signage on state highways. There is a cost and short application form. The question was raised as to whether the OR Watershed Assoc. could act as a pass-through agent for donations we might gather. Eric will speak with them and DES.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2012

Submitted By _____
Eric Fiegenbaum