

Lamprey River Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda June 15, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Location: Lee Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

To help protect against COVID infection, attendees are asked to wear a mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals.

welcome new rep Patrick Reynolds, Newmarket

approval of minutes from April 20, 2021

financial report

Vote to make another contribution to land protection fund?

Project review:

FYI: shoreland, 23 Swan Drive, Nottingham,
The proponent desires to build a single-family house with a 15,842 s.f. impact in the shoreland zone of Nottingham Lake. Plans indicate that no construction will occur in the 50' buffer.

"While we prefer not to see the shoreland of the Lamprey River developed further, we have no specific objections to this permit application."

Review process:

- Upper Merrimack LAC model
- Oyster River LAC model
- LRAC checklist

workgroup updates

- grants
- outreach
- recreation
 - Lee Canoe launch (See site visit notes at end of agenda.)
- history
- wildlife
- Selection of water quality group chair?
- Discussion- workgroup chairmanship term: life-time term while a voting rep or election

proposed bylaws change for non-participating LRAC representatives

Article III MEMBERSHIP

~~E. In the event that any member is absent from four (4) or more consecutive meetings without excuse/notification, the Chairperson may request the appointment of another person to represent the municipality or area of interest. The Chairperson may also request the resignation of the absent member.~~ In the event that a member is absent from three (3) or more consecutive meetings without excuse/notification, the Chairperson may request the resignation of the absent member. Should the member be absent from four (4) consecutive meetings without excuse/notification, the member may be removed by a majority vote of the Committee. Upon such removal, the Chairperson shall request in writing the nomination and appointment of a new member by notifying the NHDES Rivers Coordinator and the represented municipality or interest of the attempts to contact the absent member, the number of meetings missed without

communication, and the former member's term.

Also: The bylaws currently indicate that the official name of the committee is Lamprey Rivers (plural) Advisory Committee. The committee voted to go with the single River on July 16, 2019. This apparently did not officially change the bylaws.

other:

- LRAC office at Forest Society?

upcoming:

- outreach, recreation, history, wildlife work group meeting, July 14, 9:30 in person at Schoppmeyer Park(?)
- LRAC meeting, July 20, 7:00 P.M. at Lee Public Safety Complex

June 4 Lee Canoe Launch site visit notes

In addition to the deficiencies with safety getting in and out of boats and erosion caused by dragging boats up and down the slope, the engineers also noted that the banking is significantly undercut and is likely to fail at some point. For fishermen who stand there, that could result in a wet and unwelcome surprise.

Grace will be gathering info about costs, permits needed, etc. for three possible construction solutions:

1. Widen the staircase and granite bulkheads at the river.
2. Install plastic pavers or plastic geogrid on one side.
3. Hybrid: Widen the staircase and bulkheads at the bottom and install plastic pavers or geogrid tapering down to the river.

The seasoned paddlers did not want to see any handrails along the stairs going from the parking area down to the water. Handrails at the water's edge have pros and cons: paddlers would have something other than vegetation to hold, but over-dependence on handrails might actually cause boats to be pushed away from the shore, making entry and exit even more difficult.

We also talked about adding a new sign that explains how to enter and exit a canoe or kayak safely making use of a paddle and the shore. We should not assume that paddlers know the correct technique.

Post meeting note: Jim reported that the cost to build the existing canoe launch was \$17,230 back in 2012. He visited the site June 11 and had some insights and recommendations based on his observations and knowledge of the original project to install steps:

- The most critical hazard at the site is the undercutting of the bottom granite step. The bottom step is the foundation of the whole staircase. If that bottom step falls out of place, all the stones which have been placed on top of it will lose their support. We could end up with uneven or sloped stairs. He recommends placing 3-6" trap rocks below the bottom step to minimize future displacement of the existing subbase. This work would be done by hand.

- Some of the erosion on the left side seems to be caused by overland flow of rain water from the parking area. He suggested installing 3 four-foot timbers as water bars to disperse flow. This would also create a potential area to drag boats up and down without causing excessive disturbance of the area.
- The granite steps are supposed to be rough enough not to be slippery when wet, but epoxying commercial anti-skid stair tread material on the stair toes might provide extra grip and help some people feel more comfortable with sliding their boats down the stairs.