

## EXETER RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 23, 2012

### 1. Convene Meeting:

Chairman Lionel Ingram, Paul Vlasich-Town Engineer, Don Clement-Selectmen's Rep, Pete Richardson, Kristen Murphy-Planning Department, Ginny Raub, Roger Wakeman-PEA Representative and Deb Loiselle-NH DES were all in attendance. Absent: Rod Bourdon. Guest: Sally Soule – NH DES and Phyllis Duffy-Public Works Department. Lionel convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. This meeting was not taped or televised.

### 2. Minutes of 01/19/2012:

A motion was made to approve the minutes at the next meeting by Ginny Raub and seconded by Don Clement. Vote was unanimous.

### 3. Status of the Feasibility Study – Paul Vlasich:

Paul Vlasich gave an update from the sub committee meeting February 15, 2012. The committee discussed the following:

- A public meeting notice
- Review of questions and comments from last years public meeting.
- Kristen talked to them about the town web site organizing the new and old data. Making it easy to retrieve information from the web.
- Finishing town hydrological flows. Looking at analysis of storms and climate change flows compared to previous studies. Need to do quicker than later due to resettlement of sediment settling. Additional sampling is scheduled in March
- Drafting will be sent to consulting parties in March
- Next Meeting is March 7, 2012

Don stated the state found deficiencies with the 50-year flow study. He asked, Will it pass if the flow changes were for example for a 25-year flow?

Paul said, we have to go slow and get our arms around this scenario.

Roger added, the Wright Pierce modification will not met 50-year flow.

Don said, originally we had 3 alternatives which none met the criteria.

Lionel said, I understand the Wright Pierce information that was given to this group was not satisfactory to this group. We need to look at the criteria to meet the 50-year flow.

Roger added, additional modeling from the group has shown the impact is greater than earlier.

Paul assured the committee, Wright Pierce is a good report. The conclusion work is fine and meets the guidelines. The committee is reaching out to climate change and we're trying to fit that in.

Virginia stated, with new climate change data, could this data be challenged? Is it a known set of factors?

Mimi said, one thing we know is that FIMA is in the process of declaring flood zones. Things are changing faster than in the past and we don't want to regret where we're spending money.

Lionel said, we need to do some things ourselves 1) We have a study going on 2) When do we go forward to the public? 3) Alternative water supply 4) How do we handle fire depression? 5) PEA issues 6) we need to ask the town where do we stand with the mill 7) If we're required to supply certain things to PEA 8) what do we do if

there is a fire? 9) And the dam itself. Even in current circumstances it may be no longer necessary. Citizens need to consider these questions.

Mimi said, I think the public has been involved from the get go.

Roger said, one thing not in the study is the alternative water supply.

Mimi stated, after we have a better understanding of some of the outstanding issues, have a briefing so if there are things that arise the public should be aware.

Paul said, the gap in our analysis is water system's, there are purposes for wells and modification renewal. I'm waiting for later parts of the report. For the showstopper's, historical aspects of settlement, and water supply to other folks in town.

Kristen added, pull all this data into one document and give it to the public to decide.

Mimi stated, it's a decision tree.

Don said, I will follow-up on the Mill.

#### 4. **Website – Kristen Murphy:**

Kristen asked, what should be on the town website and the main river study page? The river study page draft includes committee members, study group members, and key past documents for dam removal. I have been provided these documents and need to write a mission statement.

Don added, selectman have the authority to revamp the website and all the data. We will hire someone to manage the website. Then we need to address who will maintain these sites. We are addressing this. We have put together a list of requirements.

#### 5. **Non-Source Pollution – Kristen Murphy:**

Kristen gave an update on Non-Source Pollution stating they had the task of coming up with a way to educate the public on non-source pollution. We want to reach out in multiple ways. We are also required to track our impact. We also want to implement the Think Blue Program by putting something on AM radio, town web, newspaper, and a commercial on channel 98. We need to start with a survey. We want to initiate the survey on voting day, March 13. With a second survey in early May. Another aspect is the video for the ads.

Ginny added, we have a DVD on the Rubber Ducky ad. I'm looking at what we need to do to make the necessary changes.

Kristen said, we are modifying the canned video to fit our need. Also, we are looking at on the ground events to also bring awareness.

Lionel said, I would like to thank Sally and Deb. The relationship between the town and DES has improved greatly. I would like to thank you both very much.

Paul added, they have a lead on an addition \$12,000 funding to make up the gap for analysis and photomontage if we have to move forward with this.

#### 4. **Other Business**

None

5. **Public Comment:**

None

6. **Adjourn the Meeting:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Nowak Room of the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancie Griswold