

Exeter River Committee Meeting

November 20, 2014

Minutes approved at January 22, 2015 River Committee meeting

Chairman Lionel Ingram called the meeting to order at 9:00am in Nowak Room of the Town Office building. Other members present are Rod Bourdon, Richard Huber, Virginia Raub, and vice chair Peter Richardson.

Paul Vlasich, Town Engineer spoke on five grants.

Grants

NH DES coastal program grant was awarded \$75,060. They have signed the contract and it is back into DES's hands for approval.

Second grant is the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund, they will be awarded \$100,000 grant for that.

NH State Conservation Committee Grant, \$40,000, waiting to hear if they are awarded the grant.

NH Fish and Game, next couples of months submitting paperwork to get \$50,000 fish habitat program.

HUD grant, consultants are reviewing it, not due until March of 2015.

Chairman Ingram, asked where they stand in for the consultants. Mr. Vlasich answered and spoke in regard to the Mills investigating a cooling tower, and said that they will be meeting next month with the Mills to discuss.

Mr. Vlasich spoke in regard to the concept plans and also stated that there will be an arranging of a pre-application meeting with several agencies to way in the dam removal process, the meeting will take place late December or early January.

Chairman Ingram asked if there would be a public meeting in January relating to mitigation.

Mr. Vlasich said that it was his understanding. Mr. Huber stated that it was an excellent presentation.

Mr. Huber said that the Exeter River subcommittee attended and that they would add that the schedule for the consulting parties to submit is supposed to go from October 2014 to June 2015 and that they do not have lead federal agency. They do not feel that they can make serious archeological findings, and nothing was found that was earlier than 1700. Stated that there was no serious need for archeological study.

Chairman Ingram stated that they would sort it out and that there has been a subcommittee set up by the town to deal with the mitigation portion of 106 and work with the town and find what the people of the town want for mitigation.

Chairman Ingram asked the board if there is any other business. – None. Chairman Ingram then asked Mr. Vlasich if he could foresee anything happening now until January.

Mr. Vlasich stated that maybe the Mill situation will be closer to resolution, grant determination that might happen via a press release, and at the end of the year they will be getting close to a 30 percent plan review, which will be out by the beginning of January. He stated that December does not have a need for a meeting. Some of the reports can be posted onto the Town's website to update the information.

Chairman Ingram asked if anyone disagreed with having a meeting in January, the board agreed.

Chairman Ingram stated that they will have the next meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015.

Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Vlasich that on fundraising if there are other sources that they should be looking for. Mr. Vlasich stated that it is a juggling match of how much effort and how much money in order to raise money.

Mr. Richardson stated that he does not expect too much from CAPE- climate Adaptation. He also spoke on the road flooding. Climate change expected to happen in 2070, and the flooding along the Swasey River.

Mr. Vlasich pointed out that the road was already elevated at that site.

Chairman Ingram thanked Mr. Vlasich.

The meeting ended at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigitte Nelcoski
Recording Secretary