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PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room, Exeter Town Offices at 10 Front Street, Exeter on **Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order:

1. Introduction of Members Present
2. Public Comment

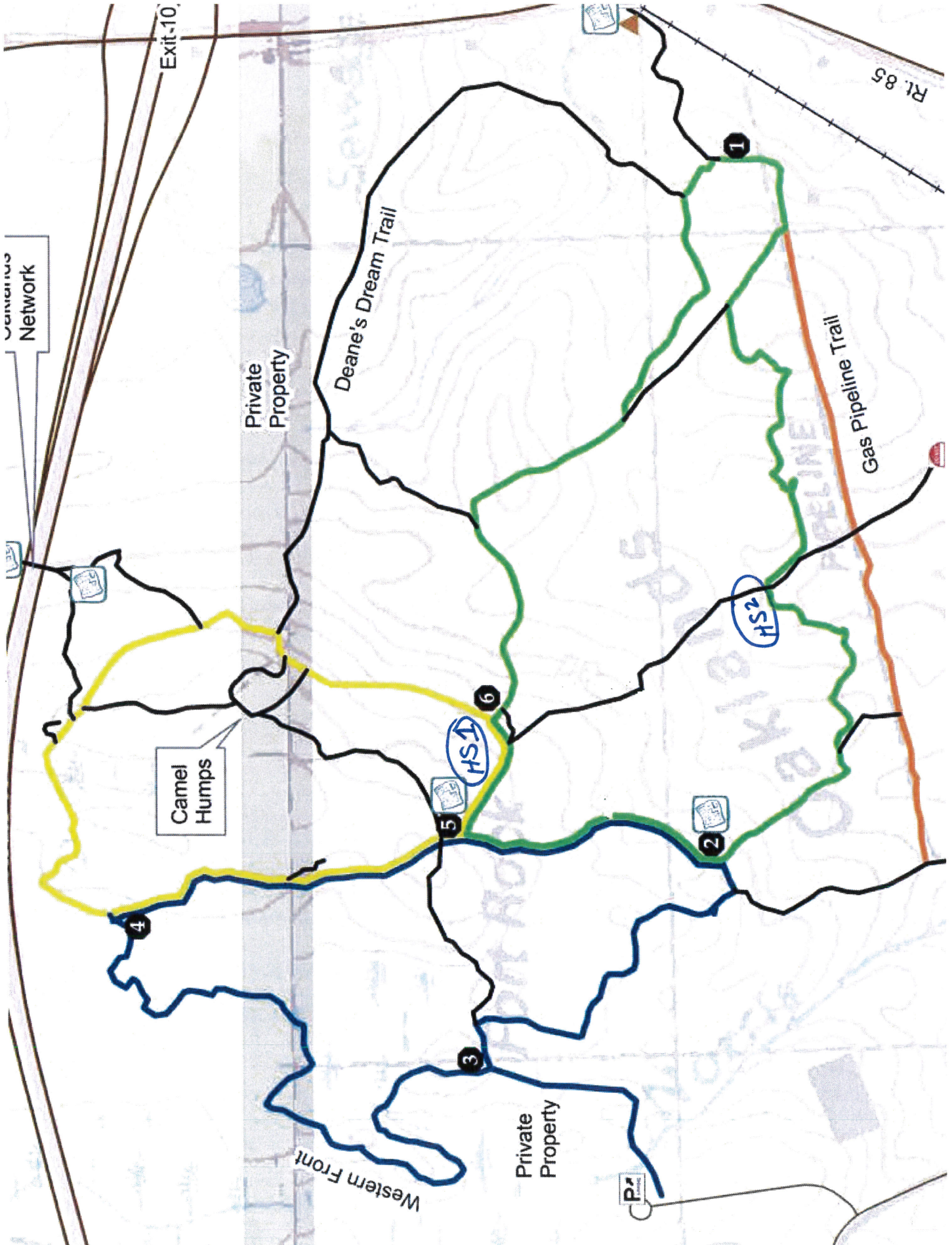
Action Items

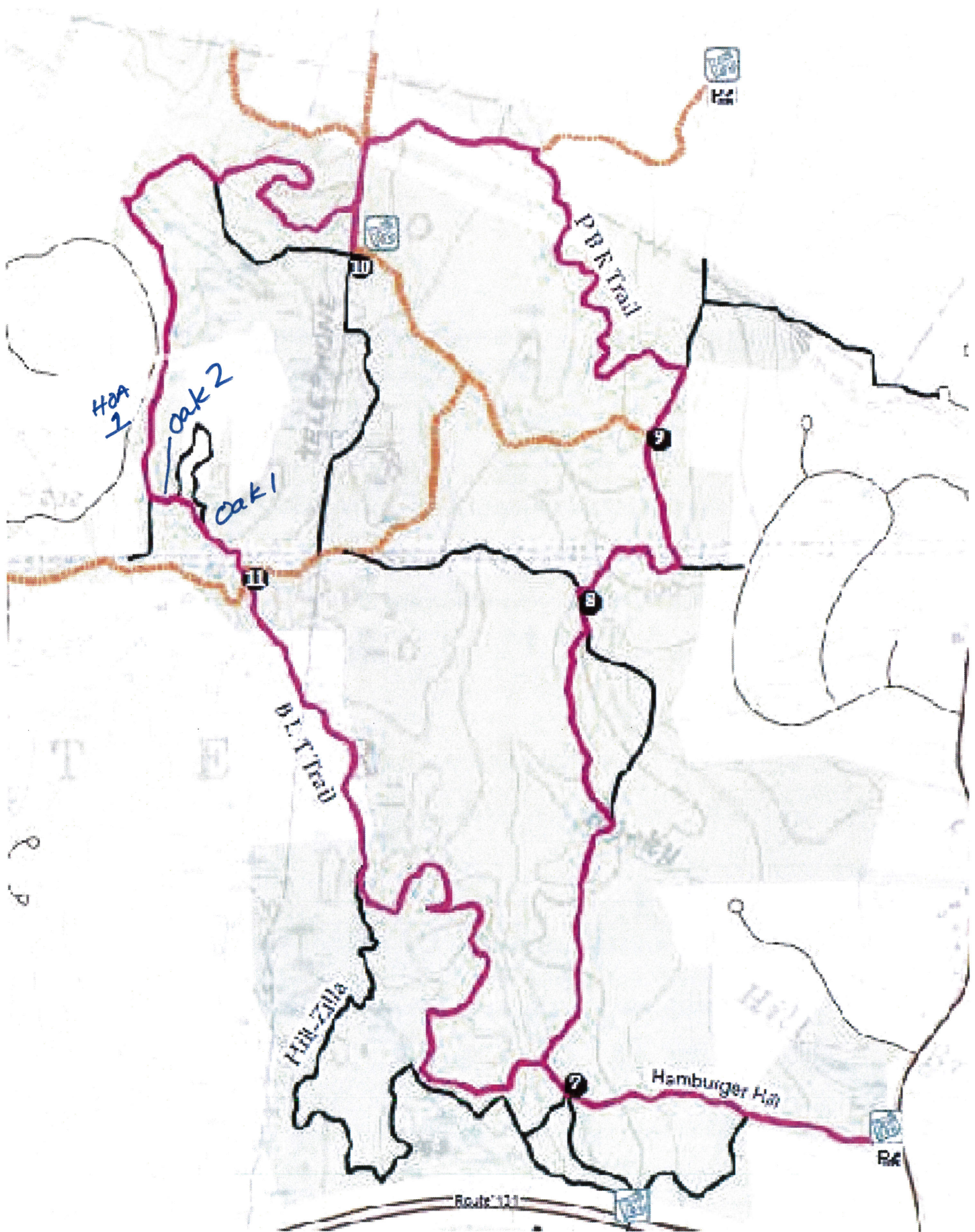
1. Fall Disc Golf Proposal for Raynes Farm in Collaboration with Parks & Recreation– *Josh Ciley*
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Management
 - i. Henderson Swasey Plantings – PEA Climate Action Day 4/27
 - b. Trails
 - i. Trail Committee Meeting
 - c. Outreach
 - i. Raynes Farm Woodcock Walk 4/27 7:00 pm
 - ii. World Fish Migration Day Events
4/28 10 am Dam Site Tour, 11:30 Fish Ladder Tour
 - iii. Rain Barrel Sale – Order by 4/30, Distribution 5/5
 - iv. Forest Ridge Vernal Pool Program 5/5
 - d. CC Representatives Report on Other Committees
3. Approval of Minutes: March 6th Meeting
4. Other Business
5. Next Meeting: Date Scheduled (5/8/18), Submission Deadline (4/27/18)

Bill Campbell, Chair

Exeter Conservation Commission

April 9th, 2018 Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, and Town Departments.





HOA 1

Oak 2

Oak 1

P.B.R. Trail

B.L.T. Trail

P.B.R. Zilla

Hamburger Hill

Route 121

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TELEPHONE

HILL

2018 Trail Projects

HS1. Move trail away from vernal pool. Site was corrected in past but trail replaced to undesirable spot.



HS2. No Photo. Rebuild plank section on Southern Green Trail just before junction with double track (Dave Michaud built this 10 years ago or so)

Oak 1, Oak 2. Inspect bridges over prime wetlands



Conservation Commission

March 6th, 2018

Call to Order:

1. Intro

Present at the meeting were Dave Short, Andrew Koff, Virginia Raub, Marie Richey, Todd Piskovitz, Kristin Murphy, and Bill Campbell. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Campbell.

2. Public Comment

Don Clement spoke about his role on the Exeter Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee, and that they wanted to put on a similar festival to the old Alewives Festival. They would be interested in holding the festival with the Conservation Commission. They would like it to be in 2019 to allow time for planning and construction. The ESRLAC would help to finance, and they could find additional partners and sponsors too. The festival could help to call attention to natural resources and to show the fragile nature of the river ecosystem. He also suggested naming the festival after Pete Richardson.

Mr. Piskovitz suggested also partnering with the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. Mr. Short asked what the overall needs would be. Mr. Clement said that tents would need to be bought and would represent the bulk of the cost. He estimated that a few thousand dollars would be needed. Ms. Raub pointed out that an additional cost would be port-a-pottys and a police detail.

Bob Glowacky, a staff member of EXTV, said that they would like to do a film festival in late May or early June. He had been working on a documentary of the dam removal to be screened. He also has various connections that could provide films for a total of about 20-40 shorts. There would also be a panel discussion after the film screening. All of the films would be environmentally or conservation themed. The ticket sales could act as a fundraiser for the festival that Mr. Clement had brought up. He is in conversation with Phillips Exeter about screening the films there, and EXTV could also help defray costs. Chairman Campbell mentioned that SELT had a similar film festival that is usually quite popular.

Action Items

1. Treasurers Report

Chairman Campbell said that there is about \$3,300 dollars remaining in the budget largely because they never got to the mowing of properties, due to the poor weather and [that contract services were not used.incomplete contract](#). Ms. Murphy pointed out that the contract services line was about invasive plant treatment.

MOTION: Ms. Raub moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Mr. Piskovitz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. Committee Reports

- Property Management
 - i. Climate Action Day

Chairman Campbell said that plants had been ordered with the help of Ms. Richey and Mr. Short, and will be delivered in late April. PEA would send about a dozen students to volunteer for Climate Action Day on April 27th to help planting efforts. There are 65 plants in total that were ordered; a mix of red pine, birch, dogwood, hazelwood, and various shrub species like winterberry. He asked the commission for opinions on planting areas, but wanted to stay close to the entrance of the Henderson-Swasey property.

Mr. Short suggested using flagging beforehand to label places where specific species will be planted, which they could leave in place after planting to monitor the seedlings. He said one issue would be moving loam into the area, but the commission could talk to Jay Perkins at public works. He emphasized the importance of using enough loam to make sure the plants have good nutrition, but not too much loam so that they go into shock once reaching the normal soil. Ways to protect the seedlings will need to be investigated.

ii. Appoint Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee Member

Nicholas Campion is interested in joining the Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee. He works for the parks and recreation department in Danvers, MA.

MOTION: Ms. Raub nominated Nicholas Campion to the Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee. Mr. Koff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee will meet in April, when Kathy Norton returns.

- Trails
 - i. Trail Committee Chair

Mr. Koff said that the committee needed a chair. Mr. Campbell preferred the chair of the committee to come from the conservation commission itself, and looked to the commission for volunteers. Mr. Short volunteered to serve as the chair.

- Outreach:

Ms. Raub said that there was money left over in the Section 108 budget, so they had bought aerial footage of the dam from start to finish. Panels of the photos are being produced, and they will be on display in the library during the summer. During the March meeting, Julie Labranch will talk about the Exeter water trail.

Ms. Murphy said that she received an email asking the commission to sponsor the spring tree program on May 1st. The trees cost a total of \$218.18, but she suggested a slightly higher total to prevent any potential overages. They also would like assistance with packing the trees on April 28th or 29th.

MOTION: Ms. Raub moved to expend up to \$250 for seedlings. Mr. Short seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Murphy said that the Forest Ridge Homeowners Association wanted a vernal pool program. There will be a vernal pool presentation there on May 6th, at 2:00PM. They will also be informed about the importance of Blanding's turtles. Chairman Campbell said he'd like the commission to sponsor that event, and also suggested that it be open to the public.

3. Approval of Minutes: 2/13/18

MOTION: Mr. Short moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Raub seconded, and it passed unanimously.

4. Other Business

Ms. Murphy said that on March 14th, at the McConnell Center in Dover, there would be a presentation by Julie Labranch about climate resiliency in Exeter from 6:30-8:30PM, as part of the Southeast Watershed Alliance.

5. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10th, 2018.

MOTION: Ms. Raub moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Mr. Piskovitz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Samantha Cave.



The Exeter Conservation Commission
Invites You To Our Annual

Woodcock Walk at Raynes Farm

When: Friday, April 27th 7:00 pm

Where: Raynes Farm, 61 Newfields Road

We will stop by the barn for refreshments followed by a field excursion to observe the curious mating dance of the American Woodcock.

No Restrooms Available. Flashlights recommended.

*For more info call Kristen Murphy 418-6452
or email kmurphy@exeternh.gov*



WORLD FISH
MIGRATION DAY



Saturday, April 28 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Exeter Great Dam Removal

Presented by:

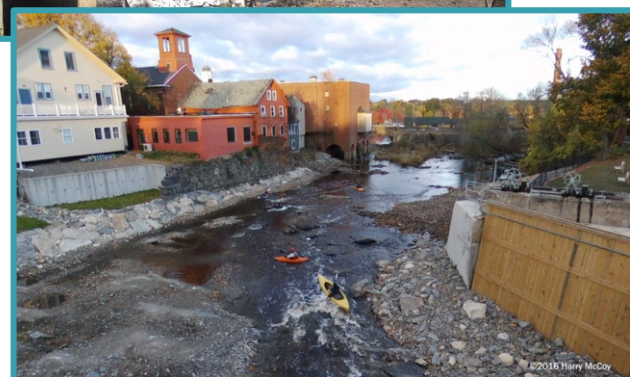
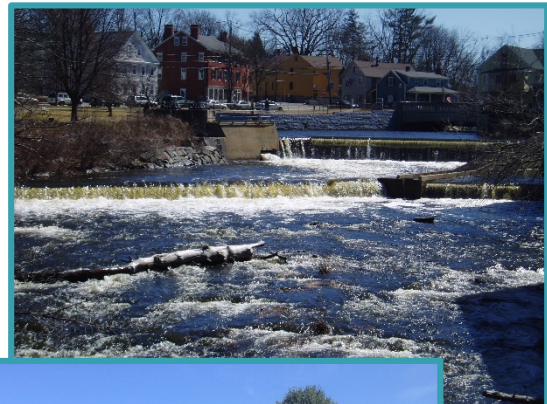
Sean McDermott, NOAA Fisheries Biologist

Michael Dionne, NH Fish and Game Biologist

Location: Founders Park, near Exeter Library. Contact Sean McDermott for more information: sean.mcdermott@noaa.gov, or 978-281-9113.

The Great Dam on the Exeter River was removed in 2016. For the first time since colonial days, the lower Exeter River flows free and migratory fish can access historical spawning habitat. This restoration did not come without great effort or lack of controversy.

Fisheries Biologists from New Hampshire Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries Service will lead a site visit (from shore) and a discussion of the benefits and challenges of dam removal.





WORLD FISH
MIGRATION DAY



Saturday, April 28 11:30 – 12:30

Pickpocket Dam Fishway

Presented by:

Sean McDermott, NOAA Fisheries Biologist

Michael Dionne, NH Fish and Game Biologist

Location: The Pickpocket Dam and fishway are located at the corner of Pickpocket and Cross Roads, Brentwood, NH (on the border with Exeter). Contact Sean McDermott for more information: sean.mcdermott@noaa.gov, or 978-281-9113.

The Pickpocket Dam is the first barrier to fish passage on the Exeter River. The Denil type fish ladder functions for resident and migratory species alike. View the fishway and discuss the pros and cons of different types of ladders. Although early in the migration season, we may see migrating fish.



Fisheries Biologists from New Hampshire Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries Service will lead the site visit and discussion of the benefits and challenges of structural fishways.



2018 Rain Barrel Program

Order Online at

www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com

Choose the Exeter Community Program



Order By: April 30th

Pick Up: May 5th 9a-12p

at Exeter Public Works

*Sponsored by the Exeter Conservation Commission
and the Healthy Lawns Clean Water Committee*

For more info. Contact Kristen Murphy at 418-6452 or email kmurphy@exeternh.gov