

December 13, 2012

## Draft Minutes

### In Attendance

Members: Richard Schmidt, Westmoreland, NH  
Peter Barrett, Westminster, VT  
Michael Fairchild, Brattleboro, VT  
Don Farquharson, Westmoreland, NH  
Stephen Skibniowsky, Vernon, VT  
Jane Worley, Walpole, VT  
Joe Conroy, Hinsdale, NH

Commissioners: Donna Drouin, Walpole, NH

Guests/Public: Marie L. Caduto, Vermont DEC  
Lynn DeWald, Walpole, NH  
Dinah Reed, WRC Staff

### Meeting Summary

The meeting was convened by Dinah Reed at 6:35 p.m. Joe Conroy of Hinsdale was welcomed as a new member, followed by a round of introductions.

- Review of Minutes – The draft minutes of the October 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- Recreation Plan –
  - ½ of the plan has been reviewed by the Recreation Plan Working Group. Final Draft will be brought to LRS at February meeting.
  - Suggestion was made that we change formatting and editorial structure to be more reader friendly, since the document is very wordy.
  - Discussion was made by LRS about milfoil issues in the CT River. Suggestion to have a presentation at a future meeting on milfoil and other invasive species.
- Review of Permits
  - Fox Hill Subdivision in Vernon – Indirect Discharge Permit Renewal ID-9-0007
    - Newton Brook is on the impaired waters list -- discharge is to the groundwater and indirectly to Newton Brook approximately ½ mile away. The Committee came to consensus that the LRS would not comment on this permit renewal.
  - GSP Coatings response to our comment letter re: Pretreatment Discharge Permit No. 3-1490
    - The LRS received responses to our comment letter from Ernest Kelley, Wastewater Mgmt. Program, VT DEC on Nov. 26, 2012. Richard Schmidt read through the responses and gave a summary.
    - The Committee was curious to know what a Toxic Management Plan looks like (referenced in responses from State). Dinah Reed agreed to try to get a copy of it and provide it to the LRS.

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- Another future educational program topic was suggested to bring in a wastewater treatment expert to give a presentation.
- Putney Paper Company – Permit No. 3-1128, Discharge Permit to the CT River
  - Marie Caduto brought to our attention a permit that landed on her desk same day.
  - There was some discussion that included historical knowledge about Putney Paper Company. Dinah Reed and Jane Worley agreed to look into this permit, write a draft letter to be sent by email to the LRS, and if there is consensus, send it by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Possible comments would include health indicators (in particular linkages to breast cancer) as they relate to the paper company.
- Goals for 2013
  - Projects ideas for 2013 were discussed
    - 1) Create a procedural guide and/or checklist to help the Committee review permits – taking into account the differences between VT and NH regulations. (It was also noted that permits are easier to review if the application is provided.)
    - 2) FERC re-licensing – ongoing Wantastiquet LRS Working Group
    - 3) *Source to Sea (S2S)* – pull together a large volunteer group consisting of people from both sides of the river – market the effort – get media to cover it - create t-shirts – provide food & transport, etc. Make the community aware of the Wantastiquet LRS through this effort. Talk to Greenfield about ideas that have done in the past.
  - Budgets
    - 1) A procedural guide for reviewing permits will have material costs, and hours put in by staff.
    - 2) *Source to Sea (S2S)* will have an added cost if the effort is done well. These costs could be itemized by category to determine an overall rough estimate.
- Educational program ideas for 2013
  - Milfoil and other invasive species in the CT River – how they spread – given by Laurie Callahan
  - Wastewater treatment – facts about discharge – will research “who” gives this presentation
  - Water Quality Monitoring parameters – given by Marie Caduto
- Meeting schedule for 2013 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the even months at 6:30 pm – I’ll look for a bigger conference room – (probably upstairs in same building). Feb. 14 -- Apr. 11 -- June 13 -- Aug. 8 -- Oct. 10 -- Dec. 12
- **Next Meeting** – February 14, 2013
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dinah Reed, WRC Staff to the Wantastiquet LRS