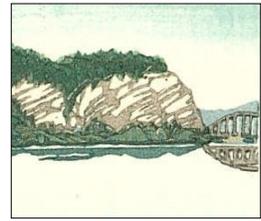


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## Meeting Notice

The Upper Valley Subcommittee  
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions will meet  
Monday – March 16, 2015  
7:00 pm at Latham Memorial Library, Thetford, VT

### **Meeting Agenda: (\* = requires vote)**

- ❖ Housekeeping –
  - Acceptance of minutes from October meeting\*
- ❖ Membership recruitment for vacant town posts
- ❖ Roundtable—what’s happening in your town related to the river?
- ❖ Update from CRJC – CRJC Commissioner Tara Bamford to discuss the Wilder Dam and Vermont shorelands regulations
- ❖ Subcommittee Name Alteration
- ❖ Local River Management Advisory Committee 2013-2014 Biennial Report
- ❖ Distribution of Connecticut River Byway Guide
- ❖ Initiative to create a permitting process guide for NH and VT landowners
- ❖ Permit Review and Related Issues –
  - Cicotte Properties, LLC, Lebanon discharge permit
  - Discussion on erosion on the NH side of the Connecticut River and stabilization methods/costs (including a guide on stabilization practices)
- ❖ Upcoming Events & Items
  - CRJC Strategic Planning Retreat Update

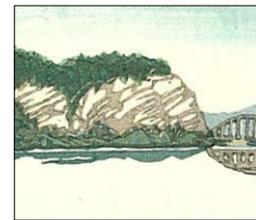


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## Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2014

**Members Present:** Jim Kennedy, Lynn Bohi, Carl Schmidt, Linda Matteson, John Mudge, Melissa Horwitz, Sue Mackenzie, Chris Balch

**Minutes:** Meeting minutes from August 2014 were approved (motion by John, second by Sue)

- ❖ Minutes from August approved with 2 minor modifications

## Presentation on Flood Hazard Mitigation & Adaptation, by Jonathan Loos, Plymouth State University

- ❖ Jonathan is in his 2nd year of thesis research project on ecosystem services, and has been putting together a workbook survey tool. He is trying to collect information on how decisions are made in addressing flooding, perceptions of risk, etc. to inform decision-makers/policy-makers on what's valuable to stakeholders. This was the first in a series of presentations that Jonathan is making, and further outreach to this group may occur as the project progresses.

**Membership Recruitment:** The Subcommittee still has vacancies for the towns of Hanover, Lebanon, Bradford, Fairlee, Norwich and Hartford, although Melissa may have someone interested from Norwich. Jim has made slight modifications to the recruitment letter for towns, which will be used going forward to solicit for new members. He has decided that we should use Pat Crocker as the contact person for the recruitment efforts, and funnel everything through CRJC instead of Jim or another representative. Further, Jim contacted people at the Valley News for advertising in the volunteer listing section. He may add additional language after an initial run to mention how frequently the group meets, etc. depending on the response received, and may pursue promotion via listservs later.

## Roundtable:

- ❖ Jim → Hanover still working on Wilson's Landing, and something is going out to the Town this week. Willing to trade openings and aquatic passage, etc. for extra fill. It is kind of a reverse mitigation—some reduction in impacts and improvements, and getting so much back for filling.
- ❖ Carl → Orford has a ~ 11 acre parcel on the up-river side of the estuary (Jacob's Brook) that is conserved by UVLT. Working with NRCS on a 3-part project: remove invasive species by 7/15, complete a riparian buffer with native planting by 10/15, and include an agricultural access road (upper part along route 10 and closer to the river, both farmed by a local farm). Commission is working to include students from Rivendell in the project.
- ❖ Sue → 2/10 of a mile south of the East Thetford Bridge is slumping. There are huge holes (~ 6 ft. deep) in the bank that extend 14' under the road. Apparently the soil is being washed away from the tree roots,

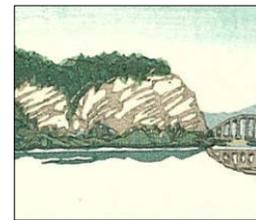


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which are then just hanging in midair. There's a huge slough of the bankside that has fallen off because nothing is holding it in place. One idea is to make it a 1-lane road. The distance from the road to the water is an 80 ft. vertical drop, by Sue's measurements. Charlie will put together a proposal, but borings have to be done first to see if the road can be tied to the ledge.

- Jim has added, related to the Lyme issue (see below), that Shane from USGS said he can't make specific recommendations, but can review other recommendations
  - DES is kind of holding fast and will be updating their streambank stabilization rules requiring hiring of an engineer to submit proposals for these projects.
  - May not get more support from DES on this presently
    - May still do pre-application site visits, but they are not guaranteed
      - Need to have a specific project and a specific method in mind
  - John still wants to get pictures for Lyme, and may get those shortly once the leaves have fallen
  - Per Jim → Talk to Charlie to see what engineer should be assessing sites
- ❖ Nothing from Hartford, Norwich, and Thetford

**Update from CRJC:** Jim will create an annual report blurb that can be reviewed and sent to towns soon.

## Permit Review:

- ❖ WRJ → looks to be a 10-year renewal at the Fairfield Inn property, per Lynne. A little stream runs into Rte. 5, and there's about .5-.75 miles before discharging
- ❖ Dresden Athletic Fields (Norwich) → received notice from VT of the permit for the property behind the farmer's market on the western side of the interstate
  - ◆ A few more trees are being cut at the site, but everything is tying in with the stormwater systems already in place
  - ◆ Melissa is going to look into the permit and share findings
- ❖ Lebanon Airport Permit → more than a ¼ m from the CT, but closer to Mascoma, so being sent to the Mascoma Subcommittee.
- ❖ Lyme River Road proposal → see notes above from Sue → project has since been withdrawn because of infeasibility.
- ❖ Orford Wetland Project → took the funicular shell out, put in a diversion ditch, but still using helical piers
  - ◆ Will not do any riverbank stabilization
  - ◆ Jim talked to Darlene, who was supposed to issue a decision today - this hasn't come to Jim yet
  - ◆ Darlene would put a condition on it so that the piers will go to a certain depth
  - ◆ DES cannot force them to fix the bank because it could upset other portions of the bank in other areas.
- ❖ NH Shoreland Rules revisions → shoreland advisory committee is going over DES's proposed rules intensively



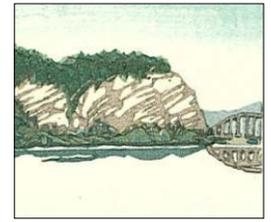
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- ◆ Any comments on the rules can be fed to Jim

## Upcoming Events & Items

- ❖ Site visit to assess the effectiveness of riverbank restorations is out the window, based on weather and what DES is telling us
- ❖ Jim talked with John Field re: wave issues, and he had difficulty in determining how best to measure that and the soil erosion, etc.
  - Likely very expensive to study, and TransCanada was not willing to pay to do the work
- ❖ Support for the Ottauquechee Nat'l Res. Cons. District → had been doing an event with a stream table, and thought there ought to be better communication between them and CRJC so that more of the commissioners know when they can see the stream table demonstration
  - Perhaps have Pat Crocker post the dates of the table shows on the website, e-mail members, etc.
- ❖ LAC Mini-workshop → Jim is interested in going to learn more about the process.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm (motion from Carl, seconded by John).

The next meeting will be held on December 15, 2014, at 7 pm at the Thetford Library.



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**LOCAL RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2013 - 2014 BIENNIAL REPORT  
NH Rivers Management and Protection Program**



RSA 483:8-a III(a)

*As a Local Advisory Committee, it is your duty to report biennially to the Rivers Management Advisory Committee and the commissioner, and annually to the municipalities, on the status of compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, local ordinances, and plans relevant to the Designated River or segment, its corridor, and tributary drainage areas.*

**Complete reports should be sent to [Jacquie.Colburn@des.nh.gov](mailto:Jacquie.Colburn@des.nh.gov) by February 1, 2015.**

Please provide the following information:

Name of Committee	
Date	
Your Name and Title	
How many regular meetings did the LAC hold during 2013 and 2014?	2013 _____ 2014 _____
How many total volunteer hours did LAC members contribute in 2013 and 2014?	2013 _____ 2014 _____
How many permit notifications did the LAC review during 2013 and 2014?	2013 _____ 2014 _____
Of these permit notifications, on how many did the LAC provide comments and/or a response?	2013 _____ 2014 _____

Please answer the following questions or attach your LAC Annual Reports:

During 2013 and 2014, did the LAC develop a new river corridor management plan, revise an existing plan or implement any recommendations included in an existing plan? If so, please describe:

2013:

2014:

During 2013 and 2014, did the LAC conduct any outreach or educational programs, special meetings, events, or monitoring programs? (i.e. River Clean-Up or Property Owner Survey)

If so, please describe:

2013:

2014:

During 2013 and 2014, did the LAC receive any grants or special recognition for projects? If so, please describe:

2013:

2014:

Is there anything else that you would like to report regarding the work and/or accomplishments of the LAC, concerns or issues regarding the river, the permit review process, and/or the Rivers Program?

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WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
MAIN BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR  
ONE NATIONAL LIFE DRIVE  
MONTPELIER, VT 05620-3522

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 1/29/2015 – 2/9/2015

PERMITTEE INFORMATION

**PERMITTEE NAME:** Cicotte Properties, LLC

**PERMITTEE ADDRESS:** c/o Phil Maheu  
P.O. Box 1010  
Lebanon, NH 03766

**GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER:** 3-9010

**PERMIT NUMBER:** 3005-9010

**PREVIOUS PERMIT NUMBER:** 3005-9015

DISCHARGE INFORMATION

**NATURE:** Treated stormwater

**VOLUME:** As necessary

**RECEIVING WATER:** unnamed tributary of the Connecticut River

**EXPIRATION DATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE:** Ten years from issuance date of final permit

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a draft authorization to discharge proposed for issuance to Cicotte Properties LLC for the discharge of stormwater runoff from the Miller Auto Group located in White River Junction, Vermont to an unnamed tributary of the Connecticut River. The means of treatment include non rooftop disconnection, grass swale and dry detention ponds..

FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete application is on file and may be inspected at the VANR, Montpelier office. Copies will be made at a cost based upon the current Secretary of State Official Fee Schedule for Copying Public Records and may be obtained by calling 802-828-1535 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through

Friday.

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written public comments on the proposed authorization to discharge are invited and must be received on or before the close of business day (7:45 am - 4:30 pm) **February 9, 2015**, by the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, Stormwater Management Program, Main Building, Second Floor, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3522 or send via email to [anr.wsmdstormwatercomments@state.vt.us](mailto:anr.wsmdstormwatercomments@state.vt.us). If sending by mail, the general permit number should appear next to the VANR address on the envelope and on the first page of any submitted comments. If sending by e-mail, the general permit number should appear on the subject line. All comments received by the above date will be considered by DEC prior to issuance of an authorization to discharge under the general permit.

## FINAL ACTION/APPEAL

At the conclusion of the public notice period and after consideration of additional information received during the public notice period, the VANR will make a final determination to issue or to deny an authorization to discharge under the general permit.

### Renewable Energy Projects – Right to Appeal to Public Service Board:

Any appeal of this decision must be filed with the clerk of the Vermont Public Service Board pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §8506 within 30 days of the date of this decision. The appellant must file with the Clerk an original and six copies of its appeal. The appellant shall provide notice of the filing of an appeal in accordance with 10 V.S.A. §8504(c)(2), and shall also serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal on the Vermont Department of Public Service. For information, see the Rules and General orders of the Public Service Board available on line at [www.psb.vermont.gov](http://www.psb.vermont.gov). The address for the Public Service Board is 112 State Street Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2701 (Tel. #802-828-2358).

### All Other Projects – Right to Appeal to the Environmental Court

Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220, any appeal of this decision must be filed with the clerk of the Environmental Court within 30 days of the date of the decision. The appellant must attach to the Notice of Appeal the entry fee of \$250.00, payable to the state of Vermont. The Notice of Appeal must specify the parties taking the appeal and the statutory provision under which each party claims party status; must designate the act or decision appealed from; must name the Environmental Court; and must be signed by the appellant or their attorney. In addition, the appeal must give the address or location and description of the property, project or facility with which the appeal is concerned and the name of the applicant or any permit involved in the appeal. The appellant must also serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal in accordance with Rule 5(b)(4)(B) of the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings. For further information, see the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings, available on line at [www.vermontjudiciary.org](http://www.vermontjudiciary.org). The address for the Environmental Court is 32 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor Suite 303 Burlington, Vermont 05401 (Tel. # 802-951-1740).

David K. Mears, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation