

Members:

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Current:

- ✓ Gene Porter (Chair) – Nashua (current term expires Feb 2023)
- Nelson Disco (Vice Chair) – Merrimack (current term expires 06/21/21)
- Chris Barrett – Nashua (current term expires 08/22/20)
- ✓ Michael Croteau – Litchfield (current term expires 11/08/20)
- Francis Murphy – Nashua (current term expires 01/06/23)
- George Russell – Hudson (current term expires Jan 2023)

Pending Renewal:

- ✓ Karen Archambault (Secretary) – Nashua (current term expired 08/12/17)
- ✓ George May – Merrimack (current term expired 06/14/20)

Also in attendance:

Nate Kirschner, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services
Brendan Quigley, Gove Environmental Services

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

It was noted that a quorum was not present for the meeting.

Minutes

There being no quorum, approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2020 LMRLAC meeting were deferred.

New Business

Hudson: Hudson Logistics Center Alteration of Terrain Permit Application (File #20200630-092), Wetlands Dredge and Fill Permit Application (File #TBD)

The proposed project location is located at 43 Steele Road, the current site of the Green Meadow Golf Course. The Dredge and Fill permit application for this site was reviewed at the June 3 meeting.

Mr. Kirschner summarized the project, which involves redevelopment of the roughly 380-acre site of the Green Meadow golf course with three buildings and associated infrastructure. Buildings A and B are each roughly 1 million square feet and already have tenants committed. Building C is roughly 525,000 square feet in size, and does not yet have a tenant. The project has been before the Hudson Planning Board in May, at which the primary focuses were on traffic and stormwater. The project is on the Hudson Planning Board agenda for July 22.

Chairman Porter asked for a summary of the changes from the Dredge and Fill permit application that LMRLAC reviewed in June. Mr. Kirschner summarized that there is a reduction in wetland impacts. Building C has shifted roughly 50 feet to the north, and Building B has shifted roughly 150 feet to the north. This removes impacts to the pond south of Building C. Wetland impacts have been reduced in the cul-de-sac area as well.

Chairman Porter asked about the status of the proposed boat ramp. LMRLAC members encouraged the applicant to consider a public access boat ramp. Mr. Kirschner replied that the boat ramp access is up to the town of Hudson. Chairman Porter stated he would reach out to Hudson through George Russell, current Hudson LMRLAC member. Regardless of the type of boat ramp provided, Mr. Kirschner and Mr. Quigley indicated that it would not count toward mitigation.

Stormwater treatment was the next topic discussed. Chairman Porter asked about the status of the stormwater structures encroaching into the 250-foot Protected Shoreland buffer. Mr. Kirschner replied that the updates currently in process include moving those structures out of the buffer.

Mr. Kirschner explained that roof runoff, which is considered clean, will be kept separate from the parking lot runoff. Parking lot runoff will be treated through a deep sump catch basin system and oil-water separators or hoods. Stormwater will infiltrate on site up to the 50-year storm. Outlet control structures will control the rate of flow for larger storm events.

Chairman Porter asked about snow storage and snow removal, and requested the snow management plan call for Green SnowPro certified contractors. Mr. Kirschner replied that the Green SnowPro specifications are currently under review by the applicant.

Chairman Porter asked whether pervious pavers had been considered for any part of the site. Mr. Kirschner replied that it is being looked at, but there are concerns about the maintenance.

Members briefly discussed the prospect of a trail along the river, and discussed whether any portions of the existing golf cart paths along the river could be used. Mr. Quigley commented that the trail is in the concept stage only at this point and its specific location is not yet identified. He also explained that the project meets the Shoreland standards, regardless of whether the cart path pavement remains or is removed.

Mr. Quigley stated that there is a restoration plan being developed for the bank, in response to the Hudson Conservation Commission's request for additional vegetation in the buffer. Mr. Quigley commented that the bank is in a natural condition, with mature trees.

Chairman Porter asked if the floodplain on the site is affected by the installation of the Crest Gate bladder system on the Pawtucket Dam in Lowell. Mr. Kirschner replied that it's being looked at.

Secretary Archambault asked whether the project had been identified as a project of regional impact. Chairman Porter replied that he would check on that with NRPC.

Members discussed whether Mr. Kirschner and/or Mr. Quigley would be needed at a subsequent LMRLAC meeting to discuss the final plans. Members generally agreed that it would likely be unnecessary, but wanted to keep open the possibility, depending on the scope of the changes in the final revision.

Chairman Porter thanked Mr. Kirschner and Mr. Quigley for attending to discuss the application.

There being no quorum for a vote, Chairman Porter and members present compiled a list of informal comments to submit:

- LMRLAC is pleased about the plan for additional landscaping along the river
- LMRLAC encourages the concept of a trail along the river, consistent with New Hampshire's concept for a Heritage Trail along the Merrimack River
- LMRLAC is pleased with the changes which move the detention/infiltration structures out of the Shoreland buffer
- LMRLAC encourages the town of Hudson to consider having the boat ramp designated for public access and not just emergency access
- LMRLAC encourages the applicant to incorporate Green SnowPro certified contractors into snow management for the site
- LMRLAC is pleased to note that retention is for up to the 50-year storm

Chairman Porter stated he would submit the comments to DES and the town of Hudson, indicating them as personal comments, agreed to by members present at the meeting.

Hudson: Hudson Alteration of Terrain Permit Application for new High-Bay Building, 36 Executive Drive (File #20200715-099)

Members briefly reviewed the hard copy of the permit application, and requested Chairman Porter ask the applicant for access to an electronic version.

The project proposes a roughly 100,000 square foot building addition. Total proposed disturbance is 283,000 square feet. The proposed building and retention pond are outside of the 250-foot Protected Shoreland buffer.

Members agreed to determine whether a meeting would be necessary to discuss the application after reviewing the electronically distributed copy in the coming weeks.

Old Business

Greeley Park Boat Ramp

Chairman Porter mentioned that the ramp is now open. Mr. May stated he drove by the area on his way to the meeting, and saw seven trailers in the parking area.

Items from the Floor

Beazer East

Mr. May asked whether there way any new information about remediation on the site. Chairman Porter replied that he has observed the site from the river, and that the bank appears to be well landscaped. He indicated he hasn't checked the recent sampling data, but he monitors for evidence of seepage when he boats in that area, and hasn't seen any.

PFAS

Mr. Croteau asked whether there was any new information on this topic. Chairman Porter mentioned recent press coverage which indicated some level of PFAS present in the Pennichuck ponds system. He also reminded attendees that Pennichuck has its new intake pipe installed and functional, which draws from the Merrimack River. (Secretary's note: Later in the week, news outlets reported that the governor had signed into law a bill setting drinking water standards for PFAS chemicals, stricter than EPA levels.)

CSOs

Mr. May asked whether there was recent coverage on this topic. Chairman Porter mentioned recent coverage in the Union Leader documenting an agreement between the city of Manchester, EPA, and NH DES, for Manchester to reduce its CSOs by 80 percent over the next 20 years.

Mr. May asked about CSO reporting. Chairman Porter replied he has been receiving data from Haverhill and Lowell, and summarized the process for requesting data. He encouraged members to contact Manchester to encourage them to distribute their CSO data.

Water Testing

Mr. May stated the Merrimack River Watershed Council is looking to perform water quality testing.

Membership

Chairman Porter urged members to seek out and encourage potential new members.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Next LMRLAC Meeting

The next LMRLAC meeting is to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Archambault
Secretary
LMRLAC