

**Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
September 22, 2016
Durham Public Library**

APPROVED OCTOBER 27, 2016

members present: Dick Snow (Candia), Cynthia Kelsey (Deerfield), Anne Lightbody, Dick Lord (Durham), Sharon Meeker, Samuel Preston (Lee), Deb McNelly (Raymond)

staff present: Suzanne Petersen

members absent: Emily Schmalzer (excused), Al Hall (excused), Joe Foley, Michelle Shattuck (excused), Carolyn Matthews (excused)

Meeting began at 7:05.

approval of minutes from May 26, 2016:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sharon Meeker seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

work group updates: See attached notes at end: Wild and Scenic, outreach & history, recreation, project review.

water quality/quantity update:

It was reported that milfoil (species to be determined) had been seen in the Piscassic River in Newmarket. NHDES has been notified and the invasive aquatic weed specialist will visit the site to verify. Northwood Lake also has a small area of variable milfoil infestation near the state park boat ramp.

project review update:

- Candia ZBA notified the committee that a junk yard expansion is being considered. The site might be somewhat within the quarter mile protected corridor, but no official plans have been received. No review can be made until the complete engineering plans are received.
- Next meeting will take place on October 6 at 7:00 in Lee.

Mendum's Pond dam replacement:

Work is on-going. Lake water levels should be back to normal for the summer of 2017. Refilling should begin in January. LRAC still has received no permit applications... work seems to be defining the permits, not the other way around. The main thing we can do is to ensure that historic values are retained and request/suggest proper signage.

Northwood Meadow Lake dam:

No updates since the June field trip have been received. State funding might be available for a preliminary engineering study, but a squeaky wheel agitator needs to pursue the issue. A suggestion was made that if the acreage of the lake could be increased, the instream management plan might be able to use water from this lake to supplement relief pulses from Pawtuckaway Lake. It was pointed out that in-stream relief efforts might be hampered by the large amount of storage downstream of the lake, including Betty's Meadows (wetlands) and Freese's Pond. One key question that might be addressed is whether wildlife have been impacted positively or negatively by the 3-4 foot lowering of water level that occurred as a result of the dam repair.

Northern Pass:

No news to report. We are still waiting for a response from the SEC regarding our rebuttal to the proponent's stance that prior work and unchecked ATV access have not had any significant impact on wetlands along the corridor.

Trout Unlimited and LRAC relationship:

One representative expressed concern that TU and LRAC seem to be working against each other, namely TU's efforts to improve fish habitat by adding downed trees to unnavigable streams and potentially navigable stretches versus LRAC's desire to remove woody material from the river to improve canoe passage. LRAC has stated its concern on several occasions. TU has never formally responded; therefore, coordination is incomplete. Also, LRAC recently denied a grant to TU to study all culverts in Epping. While the goal of the study was commendable, the group did not agree that the effort would be effective because of a lack of buy-in by the Epping Public Works Department. It seems that LRAC should invite TU to engage with us to find mutually agreeable solutions to these and other problems that are of concern to the two groups, such as exploring alternatives to making perched culverts passable to fish and wildlife but that do not involve the effort and expense of replacing culverts.

discussion about LRAC meetings:

- The committee seems to be in transition and in need of direction. Should we define priorities and projects for 2017 or continue to focus on updates during meetings?
- Moving meetings around the watershed is an opportunity to see other parts of the watershed and be seen by locals, but this potential needs to be enhanced. Town leaders should be invited specifically to an LRAC meeting in that town and we should give those guests an opportunity to share their concerns with LRAC.
- Of the defined jobs of LACs as found in RSA 483, LRAC has completed its river management plan and we are active in project review. Should the full

committee participate more fully in project review and, if so, how should this be approached?

- The results of the 23 year water quality report should be used more extensively.
- The group seems to be stalling on action items. Meeting time should be utilized better for planning projects and actions: reduce or eliminate work group updates that do not further the committee's forward motion.
- The real work of this committee occurs at the workgroup or subcommittee level. If possible, each representative should be involved in at least one of these smaller groups.
- The big committee should be focused on the exchange of ideas. How does each group help other groups expand or move forward?
- We need more and more diverse representation, especially younger representatives.
- We need to have exciting projects to attract new people. With more people, we can create and work on more exciting projects.
- Potential and new representatives need to be welcomed and supported thoughtfully and deliberately. The group's skills and knowledge can seem intimidating. (A new welcome package and process are already in the works. All representatives are welcome to contribute, but newbies are especially welcome!)

draft policy on handling potential violations:

The committee created an *ad hoc* work group last spring to address how individual reps and the committee as a whole should respond to concerns about potential environmental violations. The suggested policy was emailed to all representatives. In short, if someone sees or hears of a potential violation, the best course of action is to engage the town code enforcement officer (CEO). Each town will have a slightly different process depending on the officer, but each representative should be building a working relationship with the town's CEO. The representatives present agreed that the draft policy seemed sound and reasonable, but no amendments were offered and no motion was made to formalize the policy. The topic will be revisited later when more time is available.

fall meetings:

- Next meeting will be in October.
- No meeting for November.
- Meeting in December will be mostly an informal gathering.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Preston Samuel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

attachments:

- Wild and Scenic draft minutes September 13, 2106
- Project Review meeting notes July, August, September 2016
- Outreach & History workgroup notes September 2016
- Recreation workgroup notes September 2016
- draft Potential Violations Management Policy

**Wild and Scenic Lamprey River Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes September 13, 2016**

Lee Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road, 7:00 P.M.

DRAFT

representatives present: Joe Foley, Anne Lightbody, Dick Lord, Sharon Meeker, Kitty Miller, Preston Samuel

staff/affiliates present: Laurel Cox, Jim MacCartney, Suzanne Petersen

Meeting began at 7:00.

approval of minutes from June 14, 2016:

Dick Lord made a motion to approve the minutes. Preston Samuel seconded. Minutes were approved with 4 yes votes and 2 abstentions.

financial report:

- Checking account activity was reviewed and no issues were noted.
- The budget vs actuals report was reviewed. The five year cooperative agreement with the National Park Service will end in late September. Everything was in order.
- The land protection account was reviewed. The Thompson property transaction has \$8369.00 remaining in reserve, but exactly why is not clearly understood. SELT will be consulted for an explanation. No other issues were noted.
- Jim MacCartney reported that the new 5 year cooperative agreement has been signed and funds will be available before October. He noted that the NPS has shifted from requiring reports every 3 months to 6 months. He also noted that NPS is requiring greater detail for listed budget items. Each workgroup will need to tighten its annual work plan.

grants summary:

Small Grants:

- Great Bay Stewards received \$330 for excavating for a very rocky yard that is now serving as a demonstration rain garden in Newmarket. Labor and costs for plants were shared between the landowners and the Stewards. After the rain garden was installed, a stormwater information session was held for the neighborhood.
- Newmarket Recreation received \$5000 for materials, safety, and marketing for the first annual Lamprey River Splash and Dash kayak race and boat parade. The event was well attended and well coordinated.

Passive Recreation Grants:

- The Town of Raymond received \$5000 toward the design, fabrication, and installation of 11 nature trail station signs behind the Lamprey River Elementary School. The signs were designed by PREP and reviewed by an ecologist at UNH. They cover topics such as land use change, soils, river ecology, habitats, and wildlife.
- Newmarket Recreation received \$5000 for 4 kayak racks, cables, and locks for town-owned kayaks at Schanda Park and Piscassic Park. The boats are used by town recreation campers and also rented to the general public.

history-Sullivan Falls:

Dick Lord shared the printed full report and a box full of artifacts found during the Phase I archaeological survey. The current report contains confidential information, so a gently redacted version has been requested so that report can be shared with the public. The artifacts found at the site will be donated to the Durham Historic Association. Similar surveys elsewhere along the river should be considered for future efforts.

outreach & education:

- Debbie McNelly has been reaching out to teachers and the principal in Raymond to encourage the use of the Lamprey River Curriculum including the science and history field trip to the river. Sharon Meeker will be contacting other principals.
- Several presentations were made for children and adults at 3 libraries during the summer. Several more are planned for the fall.
- *Chick and Dee-Dee's Lamprey River Adventure* has been printed. Free copies are being delivered to local libraries and sales at fairs and similar events have been good. Readings and book signings by the author and illustrator are being arranged at the local libraries.
- The 20 year report for the Wild and Scenic designation is well under way. Draft reports were provided to Jim MacCartney and other representatives for comments.

recreation:

- Preston Samuel is working on a plan for a possible portage trail near Macallen Dam in Newmarket.
- The Lee Trails Committee has been hard at work mapping trails in GPS to include topographic features. Three of eleven trails have been mapped so far.
- Kitty Miller reminded the group that wildlife surveys should be completed before any new trails are built and offered to the public. Although well intended, trails often result in ecological harm.

wildlife:

A proposed development along the river in Epping is of active concern. A recent site visit did not reveal any signs of activity. It was reported that one of the land trusts is preparing a set of options the landowner and developer could consider for review.

land protection:

- Project L closed in late August. This adds 261 acres to the amount of land that LRAC has helped to protect permanently.
- The land protection map has been updated and will be available soon.

representative recruitment:

The LRAC W&S needs more representatives. Joe Foley will contact town managers, planning boards, conservation commissions, recreation directors, etc. to seek recommendations.

drought update:

Anne Lightbody shared several graphs and maps showing the extent and severity of this year's drought. Three relief pulses were released from Pawtuckaway Lake and all were detected by the gage at Packers Falls.

Wild and Scenic signs:

It was noted that visitors at recent events had reported that the W&S signs seemed to be dull and grungy. Several signs, including some at Wadleigh Falls, have been replaced in just the last month.

adjournment:

Dick Lord made a motion to adjourn. Preston Samuel seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

Outreach and History Work Group Meeting Notes September 7, 2016

office, 10:00

present: Dick Lord, Debbie McNelly, Sharon Meeker, Suzanne Petersen

HISTORY

Sullivan Falls archaeology

The industrial archaeologist has provided the final report including maps and photographs for the Phase I analysis. The contents of the report are currently confidential, but with some minor redactions the report can be shared with the public. Dick will meet with her about this process and provide a public version to be posted on the website and otherwise made accessible. Dick will also enquire about the advisability of doing a Phase II study and what additional information might be gleaned.

Wadleigh Falls kiosk

The issue is not dead yet. Sharon will contact the landowner and provide information about liability and then seek a response from the son.

OUTREACH

Chick and Dee-Dee's Lamprey River Adventure

200 copies have been printed and received. They look great.

One free copy will be given to the libraries in the 14 towns. Suzanne and the illustrator will do readings/signings at the four W&S libraries and others as time allows. Each LRAC rep will receive one free copy to share with others and build awareness. Each LRAC rep will be asked to provide a free copy to the elementary school(s) in the town where they live. Copies will be sold for \$10.00 at book signings, fairs, etc..

The publisher has provided detailed CDs of each illustration and all text including what program was used to create the page. She has also provided posters to advertise library readings.

The book is available for sale on-line through Amazon, etc..

Peter Little Bear update

Sharon will meet with a printer in Concord who should be able to copy the existing book and republish.

Lamprey River Splash & Dash kayak race and boat parade, Aug. 20, Newmarket

About 20 people participated in the race and parade and about 20 spectators were on hand. Marketing and logistics were excellent. The final invoice is not available yet. (Small Grant of \$5000 was provided.)

Newmarket kayak racks (passive rec grant, \$5000)

Two racks have been installed at Schanda Park. They are very close to the water but out of view. Two racks for Piscassic Park have been ordered, but they won't be installed until next spring. Final invoice is not available yet.

Raymond nature trail signage (passive rec grant \$5000)

Eleven signs have been ordered and will be installed by October. Each sign will bear the LRAC W&S logo. The main kiosk will be designed and installed at a later date. Invoice of manufacturer's estimate has been received. Debbie and the Raymond Conservation Commission met with PREP's Abby Gronberg who designed the signs. Lots of content was taken from the LRAC website. Debbie will encourage Raymond teachers to consider the curriculum as a supplement to the nature trail.

Great Bay Stewards rain garden installation (Small Grant \$330)

The invoice has been received and paid. The final report has been turned in.

LRAC W&S 20 year report

The report is moving along well, 50 pages so far. Still waiting for 2 “river profiles” stories and guidance from NPS about format, etc..

LRAC annual report FY 2016

The long version is pretty much done; just waiting for final details from September. Once the long version is done, we can create the one page version that towns use in their annual reports.

new representative information packet

Materials have been gathered and quick “cheat sheets” have been newly created. Will be provided to outreach work group and others on CD for comments.

LRAC 20th anniversary party- cancelled

The chosen site is still under construction and time to organize was not possible this year. We will revisit this idea for the 25th anniversary.

events

- Saturday, Sept. 10- Lee Fair at Little River Park. Suzanne and Dick will split the duties.
 - Saturday, Sept. 10- Northwood area conservation group. Sharon will attend with one set of display materials.
 - Saturday, Sept. 17 (rain date Sept. 18)- Durham Day Picnic at Wagon Hill. Dick and Sharon will share duties.
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Recreation Work Group Meeting Notes September 21, 2016

LRAC office, 11:00 A.M.

Present: Dick Lord, Sharon Meeker, Suzanne Petersen, Preston Samuel

Passive Recreation grants update:

- Newmarket kayak racks: All four racks have been ordered and the final invoice was received and paid. Racks for Piscassic Park were ordered recently and won't be installed until next spring.
- Raymond elementary school nature trail signs: Eleven trail signs have been sent in for fabrication. The sign for the main kiosk is getting final tweaks and should be ordered soon. Final invoice was received and paid. Kiosk frame was not part of the agreement, but Sharon was eager to have Raymond adopt the “LRAC” kiosk design. Suzanne will inquire about their openness.

Newmarket's Lamprey River Splash and Dash Small Grant update:

The Rec. Dept. is still waiting for one last bill before submitting the final invoice. Estimates for all bills were turned in and paid.

Macallen Dam pocket park possibility:

Suzanne is investigating a possible partnership among Newmarket, LRAC, and NH Fish and Game to create a pocket park on the small lot owned by NH Fish and Game that is used for access to the fish ladder. The town would like to see that site spruced up and accessible to the public. LRAC and Fish and Game would like to highlight work restoring river herring. Engineers will be making plans in the near future to improve the safety of the dam. Having park plans available to them will help ensure a better result.

Lee Trails update:

A total of five trails have been mapped using GPS so far. Another trail is scheduled for Sept. 22. Some funding left over from the walking path feasibility study should be available through Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

Newmarket canoe portage update:

Preston has visited the site several times. The current path is steep and goes straight up and down over significant rocks. He noted some garbage and gardening refuse on the path. His tentative plan is to reduce the steepness by extending the path further upstream and to smooth the roughness by adding some gravel fill. He will do an engineering survey of the site and draft a plan to present to the conservation commission. NHDES will then be notified of the proposed trail under the urban area notification protocol.

salt water paddle: Deferred until next year.

LRAC Project Review Meeting July 7, 2016

attending: Preston Samuel, Joe Foley, Sharon Meeker, Kitty Miller, Al Hall, Laurel Cox, Suzanne Petersen

Prescott Road subdivision, Raymond

The proponent wishes to create an 8 lot subdivision on 6.25 previously disturbed acres. The lots would be accessed via a new *cul de sac* and would disturb 12,4334 sq feet of jurisdictional wetlands. Comments focused on incomplete plans, storm water treatment, and wetland mitigation. See letter.

Governor's Run commercial subdivision, Rte. 125, Epping

On June 23, a site visit was conducted with Mike Marchand of NHF&G, Kim Tuttle from the NH Natural Heritage Bureau, the developer's wetland scientist, Kitty, and Suzanne. Most of the review was focused on Lot 3, the future site of the storage facility. This site was assessed by David Carroll in the late 1990s and he found that Blanding's and wood turtles were present.

Recent use of the site by turtles was evident. Turtle tracks were noted. Several turtle nests had been dug up and remnants of eaten eggs were left behind on the sandy soil. Most eggs were round and appeared to be snapping turtle eggs, but some eggs were oblong. Mike took samples back to his office and was going to try to ascertain which species had laid them.

Stakes in the ground indicated the footprint of the building. The proposed building is surrounded by steep slopes on two sides. Original plans call for a 24 foot wide drive around the building which will entail significant additions of fill to support and stabilize the drive. The developer suggested that he could downsize somewhat to an 18 foot wide drive and make traffic one-way.

After the main review, Mike and Kim went down the banking to assess the potential use of that area by turtles for cover and resting.

To date, Mike and Kim have not shared their findings or recommendations. The developer has submitted the alteration of terrain permit application to DES, but still needs to submit other permit applications. These newer permit applications might indicate changes that need to be considered, also. LRAC is not in a position to make any new recommendations until this information is received.

There is wide agreement that the site is important for turtle nesting. If use by turtle "species of concern" can be established, protecting it will become a stronger argument. Options for protecting the site were discussed, with the ideal being permanent protection

of significant river frontage (undevelopable under current law but subject to change in the future), vernal pool cluster, and Lot 3. Options will be explored, with SELT's help if possible. Preston will contact Dave Viale at SELT to begin discussions.

Mendum's Pond dam repair update

Dick Snow has been attending monthly progress meetings and taking video of the site. The site can be summarized currently as an active mess with much work focused below ground.

Pinard Waste Systems, Otter Road, Raymond

Although the town has completed a site review for a solid waste operation at the Otter Road parcel, the LRAC has not been notified of the project by the proponent, as required by state law. The town's engineer claims no shoreland application is required, but this would be dependent upon the determination of the seasonal high water line of the Lamprey River. Preston contacted Darlene Forst at DES regarding clarification on the location of the reference line as provided by RSA 483-B:4 (XIe). Suzanne will contact Tracie Sales to see whether waste management permit applications require LAC notification as is required by AoT, wetlands, and shoreland permits.

Project Review Meeting Notes August 4, 2016

Lee Safety Complex, 7:00

attending: Preston Samuel, Dick Snow, Al Hall, Suzanne Petersen

Northern Pass update:

Normandeau Associates sent a letter defending its proposed plan and minimizing secondary effects noted by Preston. These secondary and cumulative impacts must be addressed, as noted in Preston's response letter to Normandeau .
Preston will copy the Deerfield Conservation Commission to pursue these issues.

Governor's Run, Epping:

The group approved the draft shoreland permit letter.

Prescott Road subdivision, Raymond:

A rebuttal letter has been received, but we cannot find the plans right now.
No action for the time being.

recycling plant, Raymond:

Sharon Meeker received a phone call and she referred the caller to Preston, but he got no call.
No plans have been received yet.
Tracie Sales at DES indicates a solid waste permit is definitely required and LRAC should review that application even if a wetlands permit is not required.

Letters sent:

Governor's Run shoreland
Northern Pass response to Normandeau letter

Project Review Subcommittee Meeting Notes September 1, 2016

present: Joe Foley, Al Hall, Sharon Meeker, Suzanne Petersen, Preston Samuel, Dick Snow

Prescott Road industrial subdivision, Raymond, wetlands

Proponent responded to LRAC's comments sent in July 2016.

Representatives discussed and agreed to write a letter to NHDES indicating that LRAC's comments had already been aired. Proponent's plan to do preliminary work but leave grading on each site to future owners leaves the overall site vulnerable to poor oversight and potential problems. Preston will write a separate comment to NHDES noting this concern as it pertains to this project and others previously encountered.

Boulder Heights subdivision, Newmarket, wetlands

Proponent wishes to create 11 lots on approximately 6 acres. Total wetland impacts are about 150 square feet.

Three NH species of concern were noted in the area and the applicant indicated on-going coordination with the Natural Heritage Bureau. The subcommittee requested the opportunity to review the outcome of this coordination before the permit is issued. No other real issues with this project were noted.

New England Dragway, Epping/Nottingham, wetlands

NHDES has issued a permit with conditions. No further action from LRAC is needed at this time.

Onway Lake Road stream crossing replacement, Raymond, wetlands

Preston viewed the map and determined that the project is outside the quarter mile corridor. No comments needed.

miscellaneous

- Sept. 9, 6:30, 50th anniversary dinner and annual meeting of Southern NH Regional Planning.
- Sept. 17, Raymond Planning Board is hosting a multi-town planning board meeting to discuss items of regional and local interest.
- Raymond has indicated that it will leave Southern NH Regional Planning and join Rockingham Planning Commission.

Violations Reporting Protocol Draft 5

Rationale:

As written in RSA 483:8-a, one of the duties of local advisory committees is to advise the DES commissioner, the NH Rivers Advisory Committee, the municipalities through which the designated river or segment flows, and municipalities within tributary drainage areas on matters pertaining to the management of the river or segment and tributary drainage areas.

As river advocates, local advisory committee (LAC) representatives are sometimes approached by members of the general public who have noted activities or issues that they believe are harming or could cause harm to the river or its assets. The reporting of these activities and issues is done for many reasons. Most of the time this reporting is done with genuine concern for the well-being of the river and its surroundings, but occasionally these reports are made as part of a dispute among neighbors or other disaffected parties.

Local advisory committees are advisory and are composed primarily of volunteer representatives nominated by the fourteen towns. They come from diverse backgrounds and are not experts in

environmental law or permitting. Their duties do not include enforcement of laws and they are not granted special authority or powers to investigate potential issues. LAC representatives do not have police powers. Enforcement is strictly the purview of DES, town officials, and police/fire. Given the doctrine of Municipal Estoppel, care must be taken when advising others about the law. Never go onto private land to investigate a potential violation or talk to a private citizen about his/her potential violation. In any case, **representatives must exercise caution and not assume responsibility as agents of enforcement or become involved in others' disputes.**

Procedure:

When an LAC representative receives a report of a problematic nature, the following steps should be undertaken:

1. **Listen** with an empathetic, non-judgmental ear to determine the nature of the problem and whether it took place in the past, is ongoing, and/or could be of a critical nature necessitating immediate action. If the individual who is reporting is NOT the individual who witnessed the problem, encourage the reporter to ask the witness to come forward.

2. **Encourage contact with town code enforcement officer:** Ask the reporter if the problem has been reported to the local code enforcement officer or if other actions have been tried. If not, encourage him or her to contact the code enforcement officer and include as much detail as possible, including photographs if they can be obtained without trespassing. Provide a DES Land Resources Management Program Complaint Form for guidance on what information will be needed. If the incident occurs during a weekend or other than a normal workday time and needs to be investigated immediately, encourage the person reporting to contact the local police department or other protocol as set forth for by each town. (See separate sheet for town-specific details, to be created.)

Note:

Reports going through the town might help retain privacy for the individual reporter and are more likely to be addressed. Reports sent directly to DES will carry more weight if they are not sent anonymously.

Remind the person reporting the issue that LAC representatives are not authorized to trespass to investigate issues or enforce laws. Ask for the person's name and contact information for LRAC's records and follow-up.

The following pieces of information are the most critical:

- the detailed nature of the possible violation
- the exact location, either a physical address or GPS coordinates (DES can't confirm it if they can't find it.)
- whether or not the alleged violation is ongoing and/or poses an immediate health threat
- If photos of the potential violation can be obtained without trespassing, please include them with the complaint information. They will help DES to determine the severity of the violation and also see if there has been any change between the time the alleged violation was noted and the compliance inspector's site visit.

3. **Notify the LAC representative(s)** from the town to see if they are aware of the issue. If the town does not have a representative, inform the committee chair for possible tracking of the issue. The representative or chair should update the full committee at the next meeting.

4. Plan B for when contacting town code enforcement officer does not effect action:

If the person reporting indicates that he or she has already contacted the enforcement officer and does not feel the issue has been properly addressed, provide a DES Land Resources Management Program Complaint Form and stress the importance of documenting details. Forms are also available at www.lampreyriver.org under "NHDES complaint form" or on the NHDES website <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/documents/complaint.pdf>.

All forms should be sent to DES. (See list below on where to send based on town.)

eben.lewis@des.nh.gov (603) 559-1515	dori.wiggin@des.nh.gov (603) 559-1507 or david.price@des.nh.gov (603) 559-1514
Brentwood	Barrington
Candia	Deerfield
Exeter	Durham
Fremont	Epping
Raymond	Lee
	Newfield
	Newmarket
	Northwood
	Nottingham

5. Follow up with the town's code enforcement officer regarding what, if any, action was taken. Report back to the committee with an evaluation of the outcome and the effectiveness of this procedure. Could anything have been handled differently?

Place a copy of the reported issue and complaint form (if available) in LRAC files. Biennial reports to DES may include a section on status of enforcement of regulations.

For reports on pollution seen in or on water:

Adapted from
New Hampshire Estuaries Project, "**Identify and Report Water Pollution: An Interpretive Guide to Surface Water Conditions of the New Hampshire Coastal Watershed**" (2007).
PREP Publications. Paper 268.
<http://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1270&context=prep>

Who Are You Going To Call?

When a pollution incident is encountered it is important to quickly contact the party responsible for dealing with the issue. For most pollution incidents, it is best to report them to local municipal officials who might need to contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to fix the problem. To address long-term issues, conservation commissions provide leadership and oversight in communities. Below is a table of likely pollution incidents and reporting recommendations.

Pollution Incident	Recommended Action
failed septic system	Report to the municipal health inspector, code enforcement officer, or building inspector. If conditions persist, contact the NHDES Coastal Watershed office at

	603-559-1517.
erosion	Report to the municipal code enforcement officer, building inspector, or department of public works. Conservation commissions should be notified of erosion incidents. If no action is taken or if conditions persist, contact a NHDES Wetlands or Alteration of Terrain Compliance Investigator based on town (see list on page 2 and 3).
oil or hazardous waste spill	Call 911 or local fire department. Officials should report incidents to NHDES at 603-271-3899 during business hours or to the state police at 603-271-3636 or 800-346-4009 after business hours. Spills into surface waters and estuaries must be reported to the EPA's National Response Center at 800-424-8802.
dry weather pipe discharge	Report to municipal department of public works. If no action is taken or if conditions persist, contact the NHDES Coastal Watershed office at 603-559-1517.
excessive algae	Report to conservation commission and NHDES Limnology Center at 603- 271-3414 (weekdays) or 603-419-9325 (weekends).
trash dumping	Report to Department of Public Works, health inspector, or code enforcement officer. If no action is taken or if conditions persist, contact the NHDES Coastal Watershed office at 603-559-1517.
cyanobacteria bloom	Report suspected cyanobacteria blooms to NHDES Beach Program at 603-271-0698, NHDES Limnology Center 603-271-3414, or the Cyanobacteria Hotline at 603-419-9229.

END OF VIOLATIONS REPORTING PROTOCOL