RMAC/LMAC Joint State Lands Mapping Subcommittee meeting

Attending -

RMAC: Pete Bowman, Michele L. Tremblay (Chair)

LMAC: Garret Graaskamp, Lisa Morin

RMAC/LMAC: Mark Hemmerlein

NHDES: Nisa Marks GUEST: Shane Bradt

The committee reviewed properties in Grafton County, moving west along the Ammonoosuc and south along the Connecticut River. The group then looked at all remaining parcels in Grafton County.

When the group finished Sullivan County, there was a spreadsheet of all parcels and their recommendations. Michele asked that such a spreadsheet be prepared for Grafton County for consideration by the RMAC.

Michele asked for talking points about how the group is reviewing parcels and ideas on how to proceed from here. She asked that Nisa draft a note to the people not in attendance today asking them to submit their thoughts. Next meeting will have a structured agenda to talk about next steps, rather than looking at parcels.

Mark said there is a need to talk about which lakes are being considered. Garret said that the same definition question should be asked about rivers, since the group has looked at many small brooks. They both agree at the need to look at the enabling legislation. Nisa reminded the group that the RMAC does consider all rivers, not just designated rivers and associated tributaries.

Mark asked to talk about the MOA between NHDOT and NHDES regarding the review process for rivers disposals, and mentioned that there is not a comparable agreement for lakes. NHDOT does not have a standard procedure for lakes-related disposals. He suggested developing an MOA for lakes-related disposals would be helpful.

Garret said there needs to be some sort of disclaimer in the final work product that makes clear that the parcels still need to come to the RMAC and LMAC to be reviewed even if the subcommittee has made a recommendation, because circumstances change. He suggested that recommendations be time-bound. Michele said she did not see a need to update recommendations in the future, and so asked that this be discussed next week.

Michele asked Nisa to update the RMAC agenda to include recommendations on Rockingham and Grafton counties.

Next meeting: Friday, April 12, 2024