

**Minutes of Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee Milford Police  
Facility, Milford, NH  
July 21, 2022**

In attendance were members Celeste Barr (Milford), Rob Clemens (Amherst), Cory Ritz (New Ipswich), Peter Howd (Wilton) and Rich Hart (Amherst).

1. June Meeting Minutes – The group did not approve these minutes as final since a quorum was not present.
2. Pine Valley Electric Re-licensing – We decided that SoRLAC should respond to the questionnaire seeking input from interested parties. Our response can be seen under separate attachment.
3. Stoney’s Automotive (742 Elm St.) UST Piping Replacement – The group reviewed the UST application and had no specific comments other than an expectation that all excavated materials would be managed in compliance w/all applicable State and Federal requirements.
4. Watershed Management Plan
  - a. Survey –the survey was sent out to over 100 addresses with 32 responses thus far. Peter indicated that the survey will be closed by the end of July and results will be compiled and distributed for review by early August. Also, Celeste will post the survey on FB. Peter will send out a Zoom invite for 7PM on August 11<sup>th</sup> for SoRLAC to discuss the survey results.
  - b. 604(b) Grant Application - due September 16<sup>th</sup>. Celeste will provide details on the application requirements, see 604b Guidance under separate attachment.
  - c. Final Goals: the group reviewed the following SoRLAC project goals for a renewed watershed management plan:
    1. Develop a watershed management plan straightforward, concise, and available for use by local organizations, community representatives, municipalities, or other stakeholders either individually or through collaborative efforts. (communication/Education)
      - a. Plan or sections should be adaptable to town master plans
    2. Promote watershed management decision-making based upon sound scientific information and incorporate forecasted changes due to climate change and land use trends in within the watershed. (Science based data)
      - a. Enable for use in EPA MS4 permitting, flood insurance, reduction in invasive species, culvert, and bridge sizing, etc.
      - b. Continue to promote water quality sampling and evaluation by the Souhegan Watershed Association and other organizations
    3. Promote water quality and instream flow in the river to support aquatic and riparian habitat as well as how water quality is important for recreational uses. (Education)
      - a. Help make data accessible, translate to easy-to-understand facts and figures

4. Help to manage the river as an aesthetically pleasing and accessible area. Also, share how aesthetically pleasing and a healthy river system function simultaneously “speak for the river”. (Education/Community)
5. Reduce pollution from stormwater and non-point source locations. Minimize the impact from industrial, commercial, agricultural and residential development along the main stem of Souhegan River and tributaries. (Water quality/education)
  - a. Expand water quality testing with current sampling for other pollutants e.g. PFAS and microplastics.

The group agreed that future testing should include non-point source indicators, PFAS analyses and consider testing protocols for micro plastics. Further, water quality and quantity modeling should be considered for better data manipulation and predictive capability in the future.

#### 5. Local Updates

- SWA –none
- New Ipswich – Cory is reviewing a new river crossing request.
- Greenville – none
- Temple –none
- Wilton – Peter reported that EPA and DES visited the site in Wilton that contains the buried cyanide drums and will be conducting testing to determine whether there has been any release or impact to the surrounding environment. Also, the Rivers Edge development proposal is still undergoing review.
- Milford – we will hold off further comments on the proposed dog park until more details develop.
- Amherst – Rob reported that expanded E.Coli sampling of Beaver Brook is being conducted as part of the overall SWA Souhegan River water testing program due to elevated bacteria concentrations detected in the Brook. Eric Duberstein has submitted his application to join SoRLAC for review by the Amherst BOS. Finally, the Amherst Master Plan is being finalized, and Rob will share the Souhegan River section w/the group.
- Merrimack – none

7. Next Meeting(s): August 11<sup>th</sup> Zoom (Peter will provide invite), August 18<sup>th</sup> Milford Police Station

Respectfully submitted: Rob Clemens, 7/23/22

# Pine Valley Hydroelectric Power Company LLC

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FERC Project No. P-9282

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June 29, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

Pine Valley Hydroelectric Power Company (Pine Valley) is the owner and operator of the Pine Valley hydroelectric facility in Milford, NH. The Pine Valley project is collecting information regarding the relicensing of the project. As required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Pine Valley is submitting a questionnaire in preparation of filing a Pre-Application Document. Pine Valley respectfully asks that interested parties review the questionnaire, pass it along to other interested individuals, and return a scanned PDF copy of the completed questionnaire no later than 30 days from receipt. Any questions or comments may be directed to Jonathan DiCesare, Regulatory Manager of Pine Valley, at 518-657-9012.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Contact Information for person completing the questionnaire:

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Organization: Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC)  
Address: 42 Finn Hill Dr, New Ipswich NH 03071  
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2. Do you know of any reasonably available materials or information related to the Project's environment?

Yes (If yes, please complete 2a thru 2d.)       No (If no, please go to 3.)

2(a) Please indicate the specific resource area(s) for which you have information:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and soils                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation and land use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water resources                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic resources                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and aquatic resources                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural resources                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife and botanical resources                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-economic resources           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, riparian, and littoral habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal resources                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare, threatened & endangered species               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other resource information         |

2(b) Please briefly describe the information or list available documents: **(Additional information may be provided on a separate page.)**

2006 Souhegan Watershed Stream Management Plan, 2013 Souhegan Watershed In-Stream Flow Watershed Management Plan

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2(c) Where and how can Pine Valley obtain this information?

[https://www.nashuarpc.org/about\\_nrpc/committees\\_and\\_related\\_organizations/souhegan\\_river\\_local\\_advisory\\_committee\\_\(sorlac\).php](https://www.nashuarpc.org/about_nrpc/committees_and_related_organizations/souhegan_river_local_advisory_committee_(sorlac).php)

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2(d) Please provide the names of other persons in your organization whom you wish to designate for a potential follow-up contact by Pine Valley's representative for the resource area(s) checked above.

**Representative Contact Information:**

Peter Howd, Wilton resident

3. Do you or does your organization plan to participate in the relicensing process?

Yes  No

4. We are interested in your comments. If you have comments and/or questions regarding the Project, the Pre-Application Document, or FERC licensing, please note them below.

[We would like a copy of the pre-application document. and project plans.](#)

[SoRLAC is concern about the in-stream flow \(water levels\) of the Souhegan River. Aquatic organisms, recreational users, etc. are dependent on the stream flows.](#)

[Plans to address changes in the climate pattern such as the dry/droughts lasting longer and heavy rains and wetter periods leading to flooding.](#)

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**Within 30 days of receipt please return this Questionnaire via scanned email to [info@dichotomypower.com](mailto:info@dichotomypower.com) or via mail to the following address:**

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Ridgefield, CT 06877**