

# **Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC)**

**January 22, 2026**

**Location: Milford Police Station Meeting Room**

**19 Garden Street, Milford, NH**

**Meeting: 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Attendees:** Cory Ritz, Celeste Barr, Robert Clemens, Marshall Buttrick, Marcy Stanton, Andrew Duane, Eric Doberstein.

**Absent:** Rich Hart, Jaclyn Cohn, Marion Kastner, Alan Preston

## **Agenda**

### **Review the December minutes.**

Marshall made a motion to approve the December minutes, Marcy 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes approved unanimously.

#### **1. Old Business: none**

#### **2. New Business:**

- a. AoT application - Marmon Utility Phase II: plans arrived at 4 pm. Contacted Fieldstone and invited them to our meeting.

Thanks for providing the plans. As a result of these improvements, will there be a reduced stormwater flow to E7P?

- b. AoT application - Eversource: seems similar to previous requests, multiple maintenance areas some near Souhegan. Will bring plans tonight  
SoRLAC recommends maintaining riparian vegetation and habitat which was not observed in the last timber harvest at this site.

C. Merrimack 34th annual Winter Fest–SoRLAC display table. Celeste bringing Enviroscape and SoRLAC display. Andrew or Merrimack Rec have 2 tables. Setup at 11 am

D. Sustainability Fair, Saturday March 28, 2026 (Boys and Girls Club Amherst) SoRLAC display

E. Schedule a stream cleanup led by Marshall in late summer/fall for low water conditions.

F. Schedule Paddling trips.

#### **3. Local updates:**

- i. Souhegan Watershed Association: Marcy suggested some paddling trips on ponds and lakes with an environmental educator. Pratt Pond Mason, Putnam Pond Lyndeborough.
- ii. New Ipswich: n/a
- iii. Greenville: Sentencing hearings for Pilgrim Foods and its owner postponed again.
- iv. Temple: n/a
- v. Wilton: n/a
- vi. Milford: **Public hearing on the Master Plan on Tuesday Jan 20th, 6:30pm** in the Select Board Hearing Room at the Milford Town Hall. Plan a field trip this spring for SoRLAC to Milford Fish Hatchery.
- vii. Amherst: Town of Amherst has a petition to request funding for alum treatment of Baboosic Lake to lock up phosphorus in an effort to reduce cyanobacteria.
- viii. Lyndeborough: Marcy points out resources on NRPC
- ix. Merrimack: n/a
- x. RMAC & NH DES-
  - a. Support for SB 592, enabling regional, conservation, and energy resource planning for habitat strongholds and wildlife corridors. ([RMAC letter](#))
  - b. Support for HB 1810, relative to a road salt fee to support certified winter road maintenance practices. ([RMAC letter](#))
  - c. Support for HB 1301, increasing certain mooring fees and directing such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund. ([RMAC letter](#))
  - d. See WinterSaltWeek.org

**4. Team SoRLAC:** [SoRLAC Members](#) ( [nomination form](#)) Marshall has renewed. Eric and Cory have to update their membership.

**5. Next Meetings: Feb 19 2026 (Cory and Marcy will be out of town) Milford Police Station** at 7:00 pm. Rich to lead the group.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Minutes taken by Celeste Barr