State Lands Mapping Joint Subcommittee

6/29/23 8:00 AM Online Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

RMAC: Mark Hemmerlein, Michele L. Tremblay, Cory Ritz, Larry Spencer

NHDES: Tracie Sales, Amanda Barker-Jobin

Mark Hemmerlein explained the requirements for being able to navigate and make changes to the map, so that the subcommittee members know who can oversee this during the meetings. There are currently five licenses open for this project, including one for the NHDES Rivers program, so other members could share this responsibility.

Larry Spencer asked if there was a way to identify all the state forests in a query or layer. Mark stated that there is not currently a way of doing that. Larry emphasized the importance of retaining those properties.

The subcommittee continued to review properties in Sullivan County, specifically the eastern area, with many parcels located along the Cold and Sugar Rivers. Tracie Sales pointed out that many of the parcels located along the Cold River were purchased by the State after the floods in 2005. The subcommittee anticipates completing the review of the Sullivan County parcels at the next meeting.

Many of the state-owned parcels that were reviewed possessed lake frontage, including land along Lake Sunapee and Crescent Lake. This underscored the fact that there are many state-owned lands that are important to lake interests. Michele L. Trembley will reach out to Jared Maraio to ask him to make another request to the LMAC to see if one or more members would join the SLR Subcommittee meetings.

NHDOT has been notifying NHDES regarding the sale of state-owned properties adjacent to rivers, but less frequently when the property is located along a lake. Mark is going to see if additional training is needed regarding this, but also explained that state rights-of-way to lakes can be given to towns without going through the SLR process.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 8:00AM, by Zoom.