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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2009
Franklin City Hall; Franklin, NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Robert Wyatt (Concord), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), Tucker Noack (Franklin), and Alan Bartlett (Concord)

Members absent: Steve Landry (Boscawen) and Krista Crowell (Bow)

Other present: None

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After members reviewed the consent portion of the agenda, UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. **The March 9th meeting will be held in Northfield.**

Membership

Brian Sullivan was introduced as the newest official member of UMRLAC. Welcome Brian!

Treasurer's Report

No report or discussion this meeting.

20th Anniversary Celebration

UMRLAC discussed having a 20th Anniversary event at the Red River Theater. The event could include a costume ball (formal bug attire only) and river related movies. Our volunteer database is large and includes about 480 names of potential invitees. Conceptually, river events could be held during the day with the culmination of the festivities held at night at the Red River Theater. Dancing with a partner with six arms and gills may be awkward, however. August 14, 2010 was suggested as a potential date for the celebration.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Guest Presentation

UMRLAC discussed the best approach to disseminating information on obtaining Upper Merrimack River Wild and Scenic River designation. During a discussion on the rationale for seeking the designation, Michele noted that the Lamprey River received \$5.6 million in funding for conservation projects (16 projects that protected 1,437 acres). The following information dissemination approach was recommended for each of the municipalities:

Boscawen: Start with the Conservation Commission first and then move to Zoning,

Bow: Start with the Conservation Commission and then discuss with the Selectmen,

Canterbury: Start with the Conservation Commission and then discuss with the Selectmen,

Concord: The Concord Conservation Commission is excited about the possibility already and a dialogue/meeting with the Concord City Council is a necessary next step. Michele can provide example draft resolutions supporting Wild and Scenic River designation from earlier efforts.
Franklin: In Franklin, start with the Conservation Commission, then Choose Franklin. The final step is the Franklin City Council, and
Northfield: The Northfield Conservation Commission is the key first step.

Michele indicated that we will discuss a timeline for follow up steps during the next meeting. Additional steps could include having a public informational session on Wild and Scenic River designation with a speaker from the Lamprey River LAC, Judith Spang, a State representative that is very involved in this program, and Dick Wellington, a Lee Selectman familiar with community issues. Eventually, support from the congressional delegation would need to be solicited.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The introductory bug night session has well attended to date. Steve Landry will provide an update during the next meeting and will give a status report on the data analysis project.

Permits

No new permits this time period.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Nancy will review the website in March and will test the links, etc.
- 2) The National River Rally will be held in Baltimore this year at the end of May beginning of June.
- 3) CNHRPC is doing desktop work in support of the Upper Merrimack River Management Plan. An update on CNHRPC's work under the 604b grant will be provided during the March meeting of UMLAC.
- 4) UMLAC's copy of the proclamation celebrating the Rivers Protection Act anniversary was displayed at the meeting, as well as a picture of UMLAC accepting its Volunteer New Hampshire award.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn