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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2008
Concord City Hall; Concord, NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Robert Wyatt (Concord), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Alan Bartlett (Concord) and Rick Chormann (Concord)

Members absent: Nancy Roy (Canterbury) and Tucker Noack (Franklin)

Other present: Steve Couture (Rivers Coordinator, NH DES)

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 with the proviso that the meeting dates contained in February minutes are wrong and must be corrected. The corrected schedule is as follows: the April 14th meeting will be in Boscawen, the May 12th, meeting will be held in Bow and the June 9th meeting will be held in Canterbury.

Treasurer's Report

Krista Crowell submitted the Treasurer's report for February. UMRLAC voted to place the Treasurer's reports on file. Krista noted that it will eventually be necessary to upgrade our Quickbooks 2003 software. Our current accounting software is not compatible with Windows Vista. Krista will investigate upgrade prices. EcoAnalyst has not generated a direct invoice yet. Michele asked them to resubmit their invoice to UMRLAC instead of NH DES on February 12. Bow and Concord support invoices were mailed out on February 19.

Membership

It would be desirable for Franklin to have another representative (other towns and cities have two members). Steve will ask Brian Sullivan of Franklin if he is interested in joining UMRLAC.

Guest Speakers

Efforts continue on lining up future speakers for a variety of river related topics. The April speaker will be Thomas Seidel. Mr. Seidel is a staff scientist at the Mount Washington Observatory and a Cornell Grad. He will be speaking on climate change issues and how they relate to rivers. Arlene Allen of NH DES will give UMRLAC a presentation on the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act in June. Amy Smagula is set to speak to UMRLAC on invasive species and probably will give her presentation in July. Steve Landry will speak with Amy and will finalize arrangements for July. UMRLAC would like to emphasize that our meetings are open to the public and that our guest speaker series is well worth attending.

Grants

Steve Couture came to speak to UMLAC about the upcoming 604B grant opportunity. The grant preapplication is due April 18th. NH DES has advertised a request for proposals from the regional planning commissions. The proposals are for a maximum of \$20,000 (total of \$80,000 available) for assistance with the implementation of Rivers Management Plans. The grant period will be from January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2010.

Steve Couture went through our Merrimack Rivers Management Plan and pointed out areas where the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNRPC) could provide assistance. CNRPC would be particularly good at: 1) working with area planning departments on stormwater and buffer rules, 2) developing a current matrix of rivers related ordinances and rules, and 3) developing maps of areas protected by buffers. Michele will follow up with CNRPC on working together on our Rivers Management Plan, especially the buffer and flood plan objectives. She will determine whether CNRPC is interested in jointly applying for the 604B money.

Miscellaneous

- 1) The New Hampshire Rivers Council is looking for high resolution color images of New Hampshire's protected rivers as part of their celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Rivers Protection Act. The pictures should be emailed to Joshua Cline, New Hampshire Rivers Council Executive Director, at josh@nhrivers.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.
Submitted by Gary Lynn