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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2008
Boscawen Town Offices; Boscawen, NH

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

Members absent: Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Alan Bartlett (Concord), and Harry Anderson (Northfield)

Other present: Thomas Seidel (Staff Scientist Mount Washington Observatory)

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 May 12th meeting will be held in Bow and the June 9th meeting will be held in Canterbury and the July meeting will be held in Franklin.

Treasurer's Report

Krista Crowell submitted the Treasurer's report for March. UMRLAC voted to place the Treasurer's report on file. The EcoAnalysts invoice of \$1,560 has been paid. Aquarian made their adopt-a-site sponsorship payment.

Membership

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

Guest Speakers

Efforts continue for lining up future speakers for a variety of river related topics. 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 in July. Krista will determine whether the Bow Municipal building has internet access so that Tucker can do a streaming video demonstration at next month's meeting.

The April speaker was Thomas Seidel. Mr. Seidel is a staff scientist at the Mount Washington Observatory. He gave a presentation on climate change issues and provided a lot of information on observations and projections for climate change in the northeast. His projections were based on modeling results obtained from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Northeast Climate Impact Assessment. The projections were quite sobering and focused primarily on temperature and hydrological cycle changes. In general, when it is wetter, it will be wetter and when it is dryer, it will be dryer. This produces undesirable river impacts such as low

flows during drought and more serious flooding events. The other large impact is a reduction in winter snow coverage and duration. It was an interesting presentation and started UMLAC thinking about ways to adapt to the climate change as well as the need for energy efficiency and reduced carbon footprint.

UMMP

The last bug night is scheduled for April 16. After a festive night of aquatic insect identification, the bug aficionados will adjourn to Concord's Indian restaurant for a spicy good time.

Grants

UMLAC will develop a pre-proposal for Section 604b Rivers Management Grant Assistance. We will be submitting the pre-proposal jointly with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNRPC).

Permits

Concord Steam has proposed to relocate their steam plant to the South Concord Industrial Park (formerly a B&M Railroad maintenance property). UMLAC is reviewing the site specific application and stormwater management plan for the proposed facility. The plant will obtain some of its water from Concord's stormwater system. UMLAC will develop comments to help it understand the stormwater management plan better and their plans to intercept and use stormwater in their steam generating plant. UMLAC also briefly discussed two NH DOT projects (sidewalks for King Street in Boscawen and a culvert replacement project).

Miscellaneous

1) Michele noted that Jim Presher from the Concord Cooperative has been meeting with municipalities to discuss their proposed single stream recycling facility. Three sites are being considered (one in Franklin, one near the incinerator and near the county farm). Traffic will be about 40 truckloads per day. This project will be fast tracked and decisions made in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn