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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2008
Bow Town Offices; Bow, NH

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

Members absent: Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Robert Wyatt (Concord), and Rick Chormann (Concord)

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 June 9th meeting will be held in Canterbury, the July meeting will be held in Franklin and the August meeting will be held in Northfield.

Treasurer's Report

Krista Crowell submitted the Treasurer's report for April. UMRLAC voted to place the Treasurer's report on file. Essex Hydro and Elektrisola paid for their adopt-a-site sponsorships. Krista investigated upgrading her version of QuickBooks and determined that it is not necessary at this point in time. UMRLAC voted to reimburse Michele \$37.9 for bug night incentive prizes. The much sought after prizes were awarded at the Indian restaurant following the final bug night.

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

Arlene Allen of NH DES will give UMRLAC a presentation on the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act in June. Arlene would like her presentation to be well attended and UMRLAC will extend invitations to all interested parties in the watershed.

Amy Smagula is set to speak to UMRLAC on invasive species in July and at the same meeting, Tucker will do a streaming video demonstration of the online coverage of the New Hampshire legislature (the biosolids bill).

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve provided an end of season briefing on bug nights. Two new species were identified and several new genera. The identification key will have to be updated to include the new bugs.

Although the bug nights were well attended by a Cracker Jack team of volunteers, portions of

six vials were not fully identified. Claudette Verville volunteered to complete the identification work at her home with her microscope. Claudette is truly dedicated to our biomonitoring mission. A student from UNH is interested in becoming involved with UMMP this summer. Michele will speak to him about what he would like to become involved in.

The Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility has volunteered to process our bacteria samples again. Anne Emerson has volunteered to courier the samples to the plant again. The tentative bacteria sampling dates are as follows:

June 11 and 25 (Note: the 25th is also our rock basket deployment date)

July 9 and 23

August 6 and 20 (Note the 20th is also our rock basket retrieval date)

Steve will review UMMP's equipment needs and will develop a proposal for needed equipment including information on costs and vendors. Suggestions include the repair of two of the microscopes (one blurry and one a dim bulb). Microscope repair is expensive (it takes more than a diploma from the Wizard to fix a dim bulb). Krista will look into whether her contacts at work can also do microscope repairs.

Grants

The UMLAC and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNRPC) grant pre-proposal was accepted for assistance with the implementation of the Upper Merrimack Management Plan. The final grant proposal will have to be prepared and submitted. Rick Chormann will draft a letter for Michele requesting that DOT provide the 2 foot contour level of detail to UMLAC for the project. Homeland Security restrictions can cause problems with obtaining this type of data.

Permits

UMLAC's comments on Concord Steam were mailed out. The FERC permit process continues for the three PSNH dams. FERC provided an extension until this fall to the deadline for the shoreland protection plan. Gary will need to check with Robert Wyatt and/or John Warner to find out if anything major is coming up for the FERC proceedings.

Miscellaneous

- 1) UMLAC received the President's Gold Level Award for its volunteer work. The minimum requirement for receiving this award is completion of over 4,000 hours of community service.
- 2) The June 5th NH Rivers Council Meeting will be attended by the Governor to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Rivers Act. The meeting will be at the Red River Theater. Steve's picture of the Merrimack has been made into the 20th anniversary poster.

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