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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2009  
Concord City Hall

*Members present:* Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow) and Rick Chormann (Concord)

*Members absent:* Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Robert Wyatt (Concord), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Tucker Noack (Franklin), Brian Sullivan (Franklin), Anne Emerson (Canterbury) and Alan Bartlett (Concord)

*Other present:* None

The Secretary of UMRLAC, Gary Lynn, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After members reviewed the consent portion of the agenda, UMRLAC members that were present voted to accept the consent agenda. **The October 19th meeting will be held in Franklin.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's reports for July and August were reviewed, approved and put on file. Krista indicated that we are in good shape with respect to municipal support payments.

Wild and Scenic River Designation

Efforts to obtain Wild and Scenic River designation continue. Michele sent out a draft letter that introduces the program to key town groups. She is seeking to obtain letters of support from the communities by the end of the year. Rick Chormann reported on the efforts being made in Concord. Rick attended the Concord Conservation Commission meeting and discussed the designation process. Kit Morgan, Conservation Commission Chair, remembers the last effort to designate the Upper Merrimack River and had some reservations. Kit believes that an outreach effort to the City Council is necessary to be successful. Rick talked about a two step process where the City Council is educated first and then a second step where they would meet to vote to support efforts to designate the Upper Merrimack as a Wild and Scenic River. Rick also wants to talk to Doug Woodard who was involved in the last effort. Concord's Conservation Commission is expected to support the effort.

Gary talked briefly about what is going on in Bow. Gary discussed the process with Jim Pitts. Jim was also involved last time when he was Franklin's City Manager. Jim indicated that he would get Wild and Scenic River designation on an October Selectmen's meeting agenda.

## Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

No update.

### Permits

Bow's water and sewer project was discussed during the meeting. The plans are incomplete at the moment so there is no immediate deadline on comments. Gary indicated that his biggest concern was the open trench method of crossing the Turkey River and Bow Bog. The justification in the report for the dismissal of the lower impact directional drilling alternative was very limited. Directional drilling was simply dismissed as being infeasible. Gary suggested that a more thorough examination of the open trench versus directional drilling alternative should be provided.

### Miscellaneous

1) Krista will review the website for September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn