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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2015
Concord City Hall

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Rick Chormann (Concord), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Madeline Mineau (Concord)

Others Present: Christy Liolis, Neil Olsen, Camille Olsen, and Gary Lemay (prospective representative for Concord)

Members absent: Anne Emerson (Canterbury), and Nancy Roy (Canterbury)

The Chair of UMLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The next meeting will be **February 9, 2015 in Franklin**.

Membership

Boscawen sent a letter to DES asking that the Department remove Steve and Michele from UMLAC. The Commissioner of DES reviewed the letter and responded that there is no statutory authority authorizing DES to remove member of a LAC. The town can add a limited number of members to UMLAC to broaden its representation, if it so desires. Boscawen's action is likely related to concerns on the part of some of Boscawen citizens about Wild and Scenic River designation. These concerns seem overblown given that Boscawen has opted out of pursuing Wild and Scenic River designation. Gary Lemay's nomination by the City of Concord is in process.

Establishment of a 501(c)(3)

Michele discussed the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The nonprofit could provide a fiscal agent for the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program and other activities. It would be a separate organization but not replace UMLAC in its RSA 483 role. The cost would be \$850 for the IRS application, \$75 to register a trade name, and \$75 for a filing at the Secretary of State's office. Steve Robinson, a former member of UMLAC, would be willing to help set it up. Requirements include five incorporators and the development of bylaws and articles of incorporation. UMLAC voted to set up a study group to evaluate the costs, advantages, and disadvantages of setting up a 501(c)(3) group. Krista, Gary Lemay, Steve, Michele, Wayne, and Nita agreed to participate in the group. Their first meeting will be set up by a Doodle poll.

Treasurer's Report

The November and December Treasurer's reports were reviewed and UMLAC voted to put the reports on file. PSNH is the only entity that is behind on paying invoices. The 2015 annual budget will be reviewed and discussed during the February meeting. Michele requested

reimbursement for the bug night mailing. The cost of the postage and flyer printing was \$615.06. UMLAC voted to approve this amount since it was \$65 above the approved 2014 budget.

Wild and Scenic River

Franklin wrote a letter of support for Wild and Scenic River designation. The letter indicated that Franklin supported the partnership model of designation with no federal land acquisition and with UMLAC's river management plan as the overall vision for river management. Michele will find out if the Park Service would proceed with designation of a single community's segment of a river, such as Franklin's. Rick Chormann indicated that Concord may be more receptive of Wild and Scenic River designation due to the 250th anniversary of Concord's founding. Concord's General Services Committee is still concerned about whether this would impact future withdrawals of water from the Merrimack and there has been some discussion of the relevance of a CDM study on possible Merrimack River water withdrawal impacts. There will be an additional meeting on this topic in Concord on Wednesday and Michele will add a discussion of Concord's status to UMLAC's February meeting agenda. Northfield and Boscawen are not moving forward.

Guest and Winter Speakers

Brian Sullivan will not be able to present at the February meeting but will be able to give his presentation at our August meeting. Mr. Caduto has confirmed that he will be the St. Paul's School Birchhead Science Lecturer for UMLAC's winter guest speaker program (March 26). UMLAC will reimburse him for mileage (\$376.5) and his hotel stay. He will come 1 ¼ hour early for set up. His talk will be titled "Bones of Stone."

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Krista suggested that bug fancy might be a good magazine cover idea for next year's Bug Night flyer. She will develop the idea further.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

UMLAC received a response to our letter on the Sewells Falls bridge replacement project. The letter indicated that the demolition method will be left to the contractor; however, the general approach will be to use a crane to pick up and then slide the bridge onto the shore. Also, there will be no direct runoff from the new bridge into the river. The stormwater will be collected and discharged to a treatment swale.

Miscellaneous

The students at Colby Sawyer did not make the January meeting and they will be a carry over item for the February meeting. Work is ongoing on updating UMLAC's permit review guidelines. Steve is heading this effort and will compile comments and proposed revisions. A list of typical permit application comments is being developed to help ensure consistency and thoroughness.

Michele reminded representatives that they can be edits and contributors to the UMLAC blog. Nancy is slated to do an article on the bridge demolition and additional blog entries were solicited by Michele. Michele inquired whether all of the municipalities received the annual report. Bow, Canterbury, and Boscawen were confirmed; the other municipalities were likely. Steve and Michele are going to give a talk called "Bow's got Bugs" to the Bow Rotary.

Unfortunately, UMLAC received confirmation from Amy Smagula of DES that a specimen collected by a member of UMLAC from the Merrimack River is invasive Eurasian Milfoil.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Michele/Steve will poll for the first 501(c)(3) exploratory committee meeting. - Michele/Steve will give a presentation to the Bow Rotarians.
Steve	- Steve will coordinate sample id work with EcoAnalysts. - Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines.
Michele, Steve, Krista, Wayne, Nita and Gary Lemay	- This work group will get together to evaluate the advantages, disadvantages and logistics involved with creation of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
Gary	- Gary will prepare meeting minutes.
Rick	- Rick will follow up on Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary