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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2016  
Canterbury Town Offices, Canterbury

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Madeleine Mineau (Concord), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Anne Dowling (Canterbury)

*Members absent:* Rick Chormann (Concord), Gary Lemay (Concord), Glen Brown (Northfield), Mike Hansen (Bow), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

*Others Present:* Christy Liolis

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The next meeting will be **February 8, 2016 in Franklin**.

#### Membership

Glenn Brown has not submitted a resignation letter and Bill has pursued all reasonable steps to encourage submission of a letter. Michele will follow up.

#### Treasurer's Report

The December Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and placed on file. There is a 60-cent discrepancy in the statement; the bank misread a check. Krista contacted the bank about their error and was told that there was no procedure to fix the problem. Michele requested reimbursement for the Bug Night flyer mailing; no vote was necessary as the expense is part of the normal budget. It was suggested that pre-printed checks could be obtained inexpensively from Checkmate. Finally, the last adopt-a-site sponsor that hasn't donated to UMRLAC is Essex Hydro. Krista will contact them.

#### Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC)

Mike Hansen could not make the meeting so an update on the CNHRPC's Brownfields Advisory Committee and their January 19 meeting will be on the agenda for the next UMRLAC meeting.

Bill and Matt Moynihan from CNRPC met with the Northfield Planning Board to present information on the impervious surface project. The overall recommendation was to evaluate ordinances. Adrienne will talk to Michelle about holding a similar meeting in Canterbury and Gary Lynn will check in with Bow's Planning Board chair about a presentation in Bow.

#### Wild and Scenic River

Efforts continue on Wild and Scenic River designation for the Franklin only segment of the upper Merrimack. Mayor Merrifield will talk to Congresswoman Kuster about introducing a bill.

Michele expressed concerns about inaccuracies contained in the December 15, 2015-January 15, 2016 edition of the *Boscawen Newsvine*. Specifically, that Bill Murphy sent a letter to UMLAC, that agricultural acreage will be removed from agricultural use (Partnership Rivers do not involve federal land acquisition), and questions about the accuracy of UMLAC minutes. UMLAC has not received the referenced letter. Michele indicated that could provide the January 2016 UMLAC meeting summary to the *Newsvine* to provide accurate information.

### Winter Program

UMLAC is proceeding with partnering with the St. Paul's School Birkhead Science lecture series (winter program – end of March). Michele contacted the school and indicated our interest in participation. A good topic is anadromous fish. Steve will reintroduce the email thread on identifying joint Fish and Game and Amoskeag Fishways speakers to cover the topic. It would be interesting to receive an update on fish returns (reportedly large this year). Bill contacted someone from Fish and Game and Madeleine indicated that Kathleen Neville from the Amoskeag Fishways would be a good speaker. Another topic that was discussed was the New Hampshire Rivers Council geomorphology talk, "Why do Rivers do That?". UMLAC will need to finalize plans next meeting.

### Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The Bug Night flyer was been mailed. The Technical information team will meet before the first bug night in the Concord Hospital cafeteria at 5PM on January 27. Steve hasn't yet, but will talk to Ted Walsh about testing UMMP's YSI meter for his Policy Brook salt study work.

### Nonprofit Incorporation

The name for the Merrimack River related nonprofit was approved and it is the Upper Merrimack Watershed Association. UMLAC approved up to \$50 for filing the incorporation papers. The Exploratory Committee will develop a mission statement.

### Projects

No developments on the after the fact wetland/shoreland permit application for the Joseph Rider residential parcel in Bow. Krista will check on the status of Amoskeag/New Hampshire Distributors project in the spring. Gary Lemay submitted an intervener request letter for the relicensing of a dam on the Pemi. There is a project to install a new power pole at the Liquor Commission headquarters building on Storrs Street in Concord. No comment is required on that project.

The NH Department of Transportation sent an advance notice of a planned project at the I-89 & I-93 interchange and the Route 4 & I-393 corridor. There will be work completed on drainage structures, guardrails, and the creation of a closed drainage system. Concerns include the potential for flooding in the Horseshoe Pond area and impacts of salt on water quality. Michele will send an email response to NHDOT.

Due to the complexity of the Northern Pass permit application, a subgroup has been formed to complete a pre-review of the application. The first meeting of the subgroup will be held January 18 at 6PM (Library Conference Room in Canterbury) to facilitate the permit review during the February meeting. Members of the subgroup include Steve, Michele, Gary Lemay, Bill, Nita, Anne, Donna, and Mike. UMLAC's deadline for comments is March 1<sup>st</sup>. UMLAC looked over the large electrical substation design plans. This large facility will be built on the former Thousand Acres Campground. Some of the potential comments are: 1) is the swale grass or gravel lined, 2) there should be a maintenance plan for the stormwater system, 3) the tower

connection to the substation is not depicted on the plan and potential wetland impacts associated with that, 4) how will the existing development be handled, 5) how can there be less runoff than the current development since the existing building is relatively small and 6) the plans do not depict the path of the water between the river and the emergency spillway.

Miscellaneous

Krista will be the website reviewer for January. The Public Water Access Advisory Board would like feedback on public access needs and the accuracy and completeness of their maps by late February. Bill suggested better access to Punch Brook as well as near the confluence of Stirrup Iron Brook and Merrimack. Steve emailed the current version of the plan review SOP.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michele will follow up with the Congressional Delegation on Wild and Scenic River designation.</li> <li>- Michele will send a response to NHDOT on their interstate related projects.</li> <li>- Michele will work with Anne and Adrienne on presenting the impervious surface report to Canterbury and will send a letter on the report to the Boscawen Planning Board.</li> </ul>
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines.</li> <li>- Steve will talk to Ted Walsh about field verification of the YSI meter accuracy.</li> </ul>
Anne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anne will discuss the impervious surface report handling with Michele and Adrienne.</li> </ul>
Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the public access maps for accuracy.</li> <li>- Think of winter program topics (especially Gary Lemay, Steve, Madeleine, and Bill)</li> <li>- Work with CNHRPC to present impervious surface write-ups to the communities.</li> </ul>
Gary Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gary will prepare the December meeting minutes and follow up on the CNHRPC report conveyance to Bow.</li> </ul>
Northern Pass subgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet on January 18<sup>th</sup> for a pre-review of the application.</li> </ul>
Rick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rick will follow up on Concord UMLAC representation, and Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.</li> </ul>
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report and contact Essex Hydro.</li> <li>- Krista will review the website.</li> </ul>
Nita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work with Michele on congressional delegation sponsorship for river designation in Franklin.</li> </ul>

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary