



Boscawen  
Bow  
Canterbury  
Concord  
Franklin  
Northfield

---

PO Box 3019 | Denacook, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2018  
NH DES Offices, Concord NH

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (at-large), Steve Landry (at-large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Gary Lemay (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

*Members absent:* Krista Crowell (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Ashley Warner (Northfield), and Glenn Brown (Franklin).

*Others present:* Rusty Russell (Merrimack River Watershed Council)

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 12, 2018 in Franklin** (**Note: possible switch to Northfield to accommodate the whitewater tour in Franklin**).

#### Membership

Ashley Warner has been appointed to UMRLAC as a Northfield representative. The following UMRLAC members have 2018 renewal deadlines: Gary Lynn (May), Krista (May), Gary Lemay (March) and Adrienne (July). Nita is in holdover status.

#### Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report this period; the bank statement did not arrive prior to the meeting.

#### Guest Speaker

Mary Alice Fisher will be a guest speaker on Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) certification, probably at the Bow UMRLAC meeting. UMRLAC will schedule a tour of the whitewater project in Franklin. The UMLAC meetings locations in February and March may be switched to ensure warmer weather and better light during the tour. Another suggested topic is the use of DNA analyses for river research. Allison Watts can speak about the practical applications of DNA analyses. Steve suggested a speaker on the Suncook River stabilization project. The Suncook River project will be finished after spring re-vegetation efforts.

#### CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

The Brownfields Advisory Committee is selecting consultants for the regional planning commission brownfields grant from EPA. In addition to Credere, Sanborn Head and Associates and Ransom (first grant round consultants), Ensafe and GeoInsight submitted qualification packages. CNHRPC will pick three of the applicants for the contract.

#### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve provided a summary of UMMP activities. The bug night flyer is nearly complete and the flyer theme this year is Facebug. The St Paul's school contract for use of their biology lab room has been finalized.

### Projects

Essex Hydro submitted a FERC licensing pre-application for the Penacook Lower Falls dam. UMLAC sent a letter of interest to ensure that we are kept up to date on the licensing. Essex Hydro recently requested a license application extension of 2 years so that they could synchronize the relicensing of all of their dams. UMLAC will not oppose the request for the extension.

Steve drafted a letter in response to the VHB letter on the Concord Greenway project. Mike Hanson will add comments on the lack of floodplain calculations or analysis for the project. The letter will be issued soon.

The Wheelabrator Title V air permit is up for renewal. Adrienne and Anne did not have a chance to look into it prior to the meeting. It is possible that the permit has already been issued.

### Miscellaneous

Wayne completed his quarterly review of the UMLAC website. Michele will implement some of the recommended changes and the website contractor will implement the other changes during the website software changeover. Gary Lemay wrote an interesting article on the Cotton Gin dam removal project. Michele reported that UMLAC's annual report is under development and will be finalized soon. UMLAC was featured in the State's River Management and Protection Act report. UMLAC will add a link to the report from our website. There is a bill this session on studying all boards, committees, and commissions. A similar bill passed a number of years ago. Rusty indicated that there is an interesting Army Corps report on Merrimack River water quality dated August 2014. He will provide information on how to access the report.

### Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Prepare February agenda. - Bug night flyer preparation and mailing.
Steve	- Finalize response to VHB letter on the Concord trail project. - Bug night flyer preparation and mailing.
Gary Lemay	- Coordinate with the LIHI speaker and find a fish passage speaker.
Gary	- Prepare minutes.
Krista	- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

*Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.*