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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2019  
Baker Free Library, Bow NH

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Nita Tomaszewski (At large), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

*Members absent:* Donna Liolis (Franklin), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Gary Lemay (Concord), Krista Crowell (Bow), and Ashley Warner (Northfield).

*Others present:* No one

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes and the agenda (no annual meeting next month). The next meeting will be **February 11, 2019 in Canterbury.**

#### Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved with the correction that Thomas Gilmore did not attend the last two meetings due to a schedule conflict.

#### Membership

Anne is working on obtaining a renomination from Canterbury. Wayne, Mike, and Tom will need to be renominated this year.

#### Treasurer's Report

Krista was unable to attend the meeting; however, she provided to Gary Lynn the Treasurer's reports for November and December. The Treasurer's reports were approved and placed on file.

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

No change in status.

#### FERC Licensing

Steve provided an update on behalf of Gary Lemay who was unable to attend the meeting. No change in status for the Mad River project in Campton or the Lakeport project. DES and the other resource agencies have made study requests for the Mine Falls dam in Nashua relicensing. No UMRLAC action is necessary for the Nashua project which is beyond our watershed. A fishway passage study plan was developed for the Eastman Falls dam; Gary Lemay didn't have any proposed comments to that plan.

An Amoskeag Fishways modification notice was provided by FERC. Essentially the FERC letter discusses necessary repairs and actions necessary to address a 2018 Fish and Wildlife inspection. The repairs are required prior to the 2019 fish passage season.

### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve is still working on determining which sample vials should be sent out for professional identification and digital library update. The Bug Night flyer is nearing completion and will be sent out via email soon. The theme of the Bug Night flyer for this year is "Good Casekeeping". The St. Paul's School contract is approved and UMMP can start Bug Nights (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year) at any point in time. Michele and Steve are finalizing the schedule. Michele will miss a number of the early Bug Nights but Max Maynard and Anne have volunteered to help with setup.

### Wetlands Rule Revisions

Mike Hansen was able to attend one of the hearings on the wetland rules revisions. There are substantial proposed changes to categorical exclusions for full permitting and to permitting review deadlines. Mike indicated that there are likely to be some changes in the scope of the proposed permit by notification categories that are proposed in the current version of the revised rules. UMLAC will issue a comment letter that addresses our concerns that the new permitting review deadlines are too short to allow LAC input into the permit applications. This would undermine the statutory role of LACs in permitting.

### Guest Speakers

UMLAC discussed future guest speaker options. Steve will ask Nick Nelson to speak about fluvial morphology. UMLAC voted to approve up to \$250 for travel and expenses for Nick Nelson. Steve will also inquire about a potential speaker on the Nash Stream restoration work currently being completed by Trout Unlimited and NH Fish and Game. This work is focused on reconnecting channels and will undo some of the most detrimental historical actions taken by the Army Corps of Engineers. Finally, there was interest in a speaker on the role of beavers in riverine environments. Denise Berkstead of the NH Association of Resource Scientists was suggested as a speaker for that topic.

### Projects

The Terrill Park project has received the necessary permits. A permit by notification was issued for work being conducted by the Concord Wastewater Treatment plant.

### Miscellaneous

There is proposed legislation imposing fines on members of LACs and other appointees, if they fail to submit the required financial disclosure form. Michele passed out blank forms and collected completed forms for submission to NH DES. There is an upcoming LAC workshop that is scheduled for March 23. Michele encouraged everyone to attend. Mike Hansen will present at the workshop on the review of plans. Next month Steve will run the meeting. Michele will be unable to attend.

### Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prepare January agenda.</li><li>- Work with Steve on the UMMP schedule.</li></ul>
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Obtain pricing and prepare proposal for professional ID of some of last year's benthic organism samples.</li><li>- Set UMMP schedule for bacteria and biomonitoring.</li><li>- Contact guest speakers about presentations at future UMLAC meetings.</li></ul>

Gary	- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	- Continue to track FERC licensing activities.
Krista	- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

*Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.*