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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2015 Northfield Town Hall

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Mike Hansen (Bow), Madeline Mineau (Concord), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

Others Present: Steve Henninger (CNHRPC) and Craig Tufts (CNHRPC)

Members absent: Donna Liolis (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Gary Lemay (Concord), Glen Brown (Northfield), and Wayne Ives (Franklin)

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 **November 9, 2015 in Boscawen.**

Membership

Glenn Brown indicated that he has too many volunteer commitments and will probably need to leave UMRLAC. Bill Dawson will make sure that Glenn submits a resignation letter. Bill has renewed and will work with Michele to find additional Northfield members. Madeline will not be renewing her membership in UMRLAC due to a recent job change. She will work on finding a replacement for Concord and discuss potential candidates with Rick Chormann.

Treasurer's Report

The September Treasurer's report was reviewed and UMRLAC voted to accept the report and place it on file. Krista is adding to QuickBooks Nelson Analytics as an Adopt-a-River Site sponsor. She indicated that Bow, Northfield, and Essex Hydro have not returned their payments. Krista will follow up with Bow. Michele put in for reimbursement for postage, a playmate cooler and for a multi-year renewal of UMRLAC's website domain name (\$91.53). UMRLAC voted to approve Michele's reimbursement request.

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC)

CNHRPC discussed their impervious surface mapping project and provided a brief summary report to each of the UMRLAC communities. UMRLAC discussed a lead person for each community that would convey the report information to the relevant Planning and/or Conservation Commission. The following leads were assigned: Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn/Mike Hansen (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord – Madeline to discuss with him), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), and Bill Dawson (Northfield). It is possible that many of the communities will be forced into the EPA municipal stormwater regulations after the 2020 census. This depends on population changes in Concord, which is near the regulatory trigger point. Steady progress towards addressing impervious surfaces and permit review processes could ease that transition. CNHRPC will put all relevant project

documents on their website to make the information more accessible. Although CNRPC has completed their contractual obligations for the impervious surface mapping project, they will help present the information to the municipalities. CNHRPC will have to explore the protocols for the two communities in the Lakes Region Planning Commission, however.

CNHRPC also discussed their Brownfields Advisory Committee (BAC). After some discussion, Mike Hansen volunteered to represent the UMLAC on the BAC. Mike's environmental engineering expertise should be helpful to the planning commission.

Wild and Scenic River

Michele and Nita will follow up with the Congressional Delegation on Wild and Scenic River designation. Their point of contact is Mr. Greene in Representative Kuster's office.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The bacteria sampling season is complete and 100% of samples were collected at all sampling sites. The bacteria levels at the Sewalls Falls site (site 8) were problematic this year. Steve and Michele will work with Aries Engineering to identify sources of the bacterial contamination and the DES beach program will pay for additional sampling to attempt to bracket the problem.

All of the sampling rock basket were deployed and retrieved this year. Last year's sediment clogging and erosion problem was not repeated this year. UMMP has executed a contract with the St Paul's School for the use of their labs for "Bug Nights." The contract extends to the end of April. The annual "Bug Night" flyer will be a Soldier of Fortune theme this year.

Max Maynard (NH Technical Institute) of Franklin will intern for UMLAC. He will work with Michele on inputting the bacteria monitoring and bug night water quality metrics data into spreadsheets. Additionally, data from habitat assessments and field observations sheets will be inputted. Finally, data sheets will be digitized to ensure preservation of the information.

The YSI meter has been fixed by Ted Walsh of DES; this is wonderful because of very high costs for sending the meter to a company for repairs (pricing researched by Gary Lemay). Steve will use the meter for upcoming fieldwork where he can do a side-by-side comparison with another YSI meter to confirm the meter's accuracy.

Projects

The after the fact wetland/shoreland permit application for the river front residential parcel in Bow was discussed. Craig Day (DES) is following up on this issue. The wetlands program will allow some of the site modifications but may require elimination of other changes, such as the fire pit. UMLAC will keep track of the developments. Krista will drive by the Amoskeag Realty project to see if the pond has been removed and paved over.

The permit application for the Northern Pass project is coming in to DES. UMLAC will discuss the permit application at our November or December meeting. Nita will find out if Northern Pass submits a more concise permit application specific to Franklin. The current, massive permit application is very unwieldy to review.

Guest Speaker Program

Steve Couture will be the guest speaker for our December meeting in Bow.

Miscellaneous

Steve will be the October website reviewer. Michele followed up with DES on the Merrimack River Fact Sheet. The Rivers Council and DES will hold another LAC workshop in the spring.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Michele will follow up with the Congressional Delegation on Wild and Scenic River designation.- Michele will work with Steve on the bug night flyer.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines.- Steve will check on the status of the after the fact permit application (Bow).- Website review.- Follow up with Aries Engineering on the Site 8 bacteria problem and field verify the YSI meter accuracy.
Adrienne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Website review.
Madeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work on Concord member recruitment including talking to Rick Chormann about potential members from the Concord Conservation Commission.
Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Talk to Glenn about a resignation letter and work with Michele to recruit members.
Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Think of names for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit.- Work with CNHRPC to present impervious surface write-ups to the communities.
Gary Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gary will prepare the October meeting minutes and follow up on the CNHRPC report conveyance to Bow.
Glenn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Submit resignation letter.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop a letter seeking intervener status for the Eastman Falls dam relicensing.
Rick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rick will follow up on Concord representation, Wild, and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report and follow up with Bow on their support payment.- Drive by Amoskeag Realty to evaluate project status.
Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work with CNHRPC on the brownfields advisory committee and with Gary on the CNRPC summary report.
Nita	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work with Michele on congressional delegation support for river designation. Check on Northern Pass permit application for Franklin, more concise?

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary