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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2016
Concord City Hall in Concord, NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Krista Crowell (Bow), Gary Lynn (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Gary Lemay (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen)

Members absent: Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Donna Liolis (Franklin), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

Also Attending: Bill Arcieri (VHB)

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 14, 2016 in Franklin**.

Guest Speaker

Bill Arcieri of VHB gave a presentation of MS4 stormwater permitting. He noted that Bow is the only UMRLAC community subject to MS4 permitting and that Bow received a waiver from the permitting requirement. There are 44 communities in New Hampshire subject to MS4 permitting. The presentation was very informative and pointed out the complexity and expense involved in obtaining a MS4 stormwater permit (\$75,000/yr for a smaller municipality and more than \$200,000/yr for cities). The permitting process includes: 1) public education, 2) public participation, 3) illicit discharge elimination, 4) construction site runoff control, 5) post construction runoff control and 6) good municipal housekeeping practices. If stormwater discharges to an impaired waterway, limitations for fertilizer use and other controls may be required. Bill's talk provided valuable information on stormwater issues and an excellent primer of what is required if changes in populations in UMRLAC municipalities, as measured by the census, trigger stormwater permits in the future.

A potential future guest speaker is Nick Nelson, a river fluvial geomorphologist. He would give a speech on the Leighton Brook restoration project.

Membership

Everyone's membership is current except Rick Chormann; he intends to renew his membership. Wayne was reappointed and his term now lasts until September 2019. Donna and Nita's terms expire in early 2017 and Steve and Michele's terms expire in September of 2017.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and placed on file. All adopt-a-site and municipal support payments have been received except Bow's (GZA and PSNH recently paid).

Bow's new Conservation Commission Chair wants to vote on the support payment at the next Conservation Commission meeting so there will be a lag before Bow's payment is received.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

All of the bacteria sampling is complete. Only one site for one event was missed this year. The bacteria counts were low all year and the stream temperatures were high. Low bacteria counts and high water temperatures are both related to this year's drought. Bacteria counts are still spiking at the culvert near Sewell's Falls. Efforts to track down the source of the bacteria are on hold during the Sewell's Falls bridge construction work.

All rock baskets were successfully collected this year. UMMP has applied to the St. Paul's School for the use of one of their laboratory rooms for this coming season of bug nights.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee

Mike indicated that the CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee's next meeting is October 26. The consultant for the CNHRPC brownfields grant will provide a summary of potential sites at the October meeting.

Projects

UMRLAC has obtained intervenor status on the Eastman Falls dam relicensing project.

Miscellaneous

UMRLAC hosted the River Runners training session in August. There was a good turnout for the event.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Prepare November agenda.
Steve	- Set bug night schedule.
Technical Information Team	- Meet
UMWA	- Meet
Rick Chormann	- Membership renewal.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.