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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2017  
Baker Free Library, 509 South Street, Bow, NH

**Members present:** Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Gary Lemay (Concord), Krista Crowell (Bow), Michele Tremblay (At-Large), Mike Hansen (Bow), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Steve Landry (At-Large), Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen), Wayne Ives (Franklin)

**Members absent:** Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Alan Larter (Franklin), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Gary Lynn (Bow), Glenn Brown (Franklin)

**Others Present:** Christie Liolis, Roy Creley (Lakes Region Environmental), Greg Bakas (VHB)

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda unanimously, with an initial motion by Anne and a second by Krista. The next meeting will be November 13, 2017 in Canterbury.

**Guest Presentation – Roy Creley (Lakes Region Environmental)**

Roy Creley presented on underground storage tanks. He went into great detail on the components of an underground fuel storage system, the safeguards that are in place to prevent leakage, how the tanks are installed, and some helpful pointers that the committee may want to understand the next time they review a permit application for an underground fuel storage tank.

Merrimack River Greenway Trail Review, Shoreland and Wetland Permits – Greg Bakas (VHB)  
Greg Bakas from VHB came in to provide an overview of the permits for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and answer questions that came up. Steve provided a brief summary of his understanding on the proposed project, which is the first phase in creating a continuous paved trail between Manchester Street and Loudon Road with a wooden boardwalk. This phase is creating the first part which will extend several hundred feet north from Terrill Park near Manchester Street. There were many questions regarding the width of the trail (proposed 10-ft wide paved trail) and why it needed to be paved. Greg indicated the group is looking to pave the trail and make it wide enough for two lanes of bike traffic and foot traffic on the edges. Several UMRLAC members indicated they would prefer to see a gravel pathway instead of a paved, impervious surface so close to the river. There was also discussion about whether the boardwalk would be considered blocking a portion of the floodplain. Some UMRLAC members mentioned concerns with ice potentially damaging the boardwalk structure as it passes over a portion of the floodplain. Steve noted that the owner had not signed the wetlands application permit. UMRLAC intends to issue a comment letter that will mention some of the small omissions brought up during the meeting, recommending using wildlife-friendly erosion

matting, ice damage concerns, potential impacts to floodplain flows, and whether it is truly necessary to pave the area or not.

**Membership (Agenda Item)**

Rick Chormann expects to come out of holdover status soon, as he understands that the City Council has re-nominated him.

**Treasurer’s Report (Agenda Item 5)**

Krista presented the September and October Treasurer’s report and the committee voted to accept the report and put it on file.

Krista made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, which was seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously.

**Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)**

Steve and Michele presented at the Audubon society on UMMP and bug nights recently. They received a nice thank-you letter for their efforts.

**CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee**

Mike indicated there are no updates at this time.

**FERC Licensing Update**

Gary Lemay said that there were no updates to the Eastman Falls project or any other FERC licensing projects that UMR LAC may be interested in at this time. Gary noted that he expects the Campton Project (on the Mad River, a tributary to the Pemigewasset river) and the Penacook Lower Falls Project (on the Contoocook) river to file by the end of October. Gary will also look to find someone that may be interested to speak about the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) certification process for the December meeting.

**Project Review**

Steve led the project review.

Michele mentioned that the Canterbury Kalgren Wetlands permit had been approved by DES before UMR LAC was able to comment. Michele has expressed the committee’s displeasure at being kept out of the loop to DES.

UMRLAC is looking for a potential guest speaker for the December or January meeting regarding fish passage. Gary will also look into seeing if there is someone he may know that is interested in presenting.

**Summary of Assignments**

Michele	- Prepare November agenda - Send letters summarizing UMR LAC comments on the Merrimack River Greenway Project (complete)
Krista	- Prepare the monthly Treasurer’s report
Gary	- Look for someone to speak at the November/December meeting regarding LIHI certification and at the December/January meeting regarding fish passage

*Minutes submitted by Gary Lemay.*