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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2019
Concord City Hall, Concord NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), Gary Lemay (Concord), and Mary Lee (Northfield).

Members absent: Steve Landry (At Large), Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (At Large), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen) and Ashley Warner (Northfield).

Others present: Krista's family

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 18, 2019 in Franklin.**

Minutes

The September minutes were approved.

Membership

Ashley Warner and Jeffrey Perkins attended only one meeting this year and it is unclear whether they would like to continue to serve their communities. Michele has called and sent them emails of inquiry and has not received a response to date. Mary Lee indicated that Ashley has taken a job in Massachusetts but there is reason to believe that she has retained her home in Northfield. Mary Lee is willing to inquire with the town about whether they know whether Ashley is moving or staying in Northfield.

Annual Meeting

Michele discussed the upcoming annual meeting. No one has requested revisions to the bylaws so the meeting will be restricted to approval of the annual budget and election of officers. Krista provided a draft annual budget for review. Several recommendations were provided including: 1) website hosting cost is now \$180, 2) UMRLAC spent \$50 on a donation to Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in 2019, and 3) postage costs and the Quick Book software update line items may be less costly. Krista will revise the draft budget prior to the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Issues

The Treasurer's report for September was approved and placed on file. Krista noted that all of the municipal support payments have been received except Boscawen and Canterbury. Krista reimbursed UMMP related denatured alcohol and volunteer appreciation costs.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No change in status.

FERC Licensing

No new developments, however, Gary Lemay noted that Fish and Wildlife inquired about the status of environmental studies related to the Campton dam. Apparently, there has been no known activity in a year.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

UMMP was able to collect 100% of the bacteria samples this year and the data is now online. Rock baskets were successfully retrieved from all of the biomonitoring sites. One enterprising team retrieved rock baskets from three of the sites. Michele noted that her phone was glitching during the event and that she may not have received all of the photos that were taken to establish site conditions. She is reaching out to volunteers to ensure that she has all of the site photos. The contract with the St. Paul's School for another year of bug nights has been submitted to the school and is in process. Michele recommended that the Bug Nights introductory presentation be on the agenda for UMLAC's meeting next month.

Projects

The Canterbury Highway Department received their permit for the culvert replacement project on August 23. Interchange Development LLC received their permit for the Exit 17 project on October 16. Neither permit mentioned UMLAC comments or concerns.

Unitil applied for a wetlands permit for power line work between Theater and Gulf Streets. Fourteen utility poles and overhead lines will be replaced. Only one of the poles is in a wetland area and most of the wetland impact is temporary. UMLAC will comment that there is a discrepancy on Army Corps permit applicability and will pose a question on whether the Filtrex filter socks that are proposed for use are wildlife friendly.

Michele brought in an article on the proposed mixed use development in Concord off Black Hill Road on the former drive in property near Exit 13. The property is approximately 82 acres in size with approximately half of the property subject to conservation easement restrictions. There is about ½ mile of river frontage and flood plain considerations. Concord City Council voted for a zoning change recently, making the property more developable. The proposed development would be mixed use with a significant amount of residential development. According to the article, proposed plans are coming in the spring of 2020.

Miscellaneous

The first categorical exclusion (generic response) letter was discussed and then adopted by UMLAC. The letter will be used when there is insufficient time for UMLAC to meet before expiration of the permit review deadline. Gary Lemay will work on preparing similar letters for the other types of permit applications.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Co-present Bug Nights introductory talk. - Prepare comments on the Concord Unitil permit application.
Steve	- Co-present Bug Nights introductory talk.
Mike	- Continue to track Brownfields Advisory Committee.
Gary	- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	- Continue to track FERC licensing activities. - Draft generic letters for AOT, shorelands, and wetlands permits.

Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.- Revise draft annual budget.
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Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.