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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2014
Bow Municipal Building, Bow

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Harry Anderson (Northfield) and Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin)

Others Present: None

Members absent: Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Madeline Mineau (Concord)

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 **December 8, 2014 in Canterbury.**

Annual Meeting

The annual election of officers concluded with the unanimous endorsement of the existing officers in the same positions. No additional business was transacted in the annual meeting and the annual meeting was adjourned and the regular monthly meeting started.

Membership

Steve re-contacted Tom Walton and Matt Cahillaine of Concord about becoming members of UMRLAC. Both politely declined due to pre-existing commitments.

Treasurer's Report

Krista provided the September Treasurer's report. The report was reviewed and UMRLAC voted to accept the report and place it on file. Krista indicated that she emailed Nancy Rheinhardt of the Bow Conservation Commission about the UMRLAC support payment. Nancy asked Krista to send the invoice again. PSNH has not provided their adopt-a-site payment; Krista will contact Laurel Brown of PSNH to inquire about the payment status. Michele requested reimbursement for postage and miscellaneous UMMP related costs for a total of \$51.38. The reimbursed costs were all included in the UMRLAC annual budget.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

UMRLAC sent in a letter to DES supporting the proposed Boscawen Canterbury bridge demolition project. Nancy will watch for the start of the project and will make sure that permit condition #10 for a qualified professional being onsite to monitor the demolition is adhered to.

UMRLAC reviewed a permit application from NH DOT to clean out a large box culvert under US Route 3. This will entail dredging both sides as well as the culvert. The culvert is more than

¾ filled with sediment and causes flooding. UMLAC supports the maintenance work but will send comments to Gino Infascelli of DES by email expressing the concern that the culvert will fill back in again with sediment, if the source of the sediment issue is not addressed. Culvert maintenance will become a long-term issue if the culvert design and soil erosion issues are not addressed.

Wild and Scenic River

Bill indicated that Northfield will not be providing a support letter for Wild and Scenic River designation. The Franklin Conservation Commission provided a letter of support and the Franklin City Council is likely to be willing to provide a support letter; however, Nita indicated that Mayor Merrifield may need a reminder letter.

Guest and Winter Speakers

Mr. Caduto confirmed the speaking engagement date. Michele applied for a grant to reimburse UMLAC costs but unfortunately did not win the grant

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Michele indicated that the bug night flyer will be sent out soon. Michele will follow up on scheduling a UMMP technical advisory team meeting. All of the rock baskets have been removed from the river and Steve will be contacting EcoAnalysts to obtain a cost estimate for some biomonitoring QA assistance for UMMP.

Miscellaneous

Michele reminded UMLACers that the LAC workshop is this coming Saturday and that it is well worth attending. Students at Colby Sawyer are working on a project focused on downtown Franklin revitalization. One of their efforts is to improve stormwater management and to encourage low impact development in Franklin. The students would like to make a presentation at our Canterbury meeting. Nancy will research a different meeting place that could accommodate the additional attendees.

Michele discussed the proposed modifications to the RSA 483, Rivers Management and Protection Program Act. UMLAC was satisfied with the Rivers Management Advisory Committee suggested language and discussed adding comments suggested by Wayne Ives. After some discussion, UMLAC decided that Wayne's comments were highly technical in nature and mostly focused on minimum instream flow. Due to the tight deadline for comment submission and the need to discuss the comments with Wayne because of the highly technical nature of the comments, UMLAC voted to limit our comments to support of the Rivers Advisory Committee proposal. Their proposal makes the act easier to read and make other changes such as allowing LACs to merge (the Isinglass and Cocheco River LACs would like to merge). UMLAC has some concern about a provision that exempts an entity from portions of the rules if Best Management Practices are followed, however.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Michele will coordinate with Mr. Caduto about presenting at the St. Paul's School.- Michele/Steve will send out the bug night promotional flyer.- Michele will send out a reminder letter to Franklin about Wild and Scenic River designation.- Michele will coordinate a technical advisory team meeting to discuss the UMMP program.- Michele will contribute leftover drinks to the Canterbury meeting.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Steve will coordinate sample id work with EcoAnalysts.- Steve/Michele to send an email requesting investigation of the cause of the box culvert sedimentation in Boscawen.
Nancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reserve a larger than normal meeting place for the next UMLAC meeting to accommodate the Colby Sawyer College students.- Observe the bridge demolition project.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gary will prepare meeting minutes.
Rick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rick will call John Cotton to discuss a Merrimack River geologic history presentation.- Rick will follow up on Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.- Send an additional support payment invoice to Bow and remind PSNH of their adopt-a-site sponsorship.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary