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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2015
Merrimack County Nursing Home, Boscawen

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Gary Lemay (Concord), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Anne Dowling (Canterbury)
Members absent: Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Madeline Mineau (Concord), Glen Brown (Northfield), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

The Chair of UMLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMLAC voted to accept the consent agenda except the approval of the minutes. The minutes need to be corrected to indicate that last meeting's reimbursement to Michele was for \$94.25 and did not include the coolers and some postage. The next meeting will be **December 14, 2015 in Bow.**

Annual Elections

The existing slate of officers were re-elected to another term of office in their same positions.

Membership

Donna Liolis is working night shifts and won't be able to attend meetings. Michele will follow up with Donna on membership. Madeline and Gary Lemay will look for additional Concord representative(s). One possibility is to recruit Concord members from the Concord group working on the Merrimack River hiking trail. Bill Dawson has been unsuccessfully trying to contact Glenn Brown about submission of a resignation letter. Bill will continue to attempt to contact Glenn.

Treasurer's Report

The October Treasurer's report was reviewed and UMLAC voted to accept the report and place it on file. Krista indicated that Bow and Northfield have submitted payments and only Essex Hydro remains unpaid. Michele put in for reimbursement for postage, River Runners meeting refreshments, and a playmate cooler (Total of \$45.73). The 2016 budget will be reviewed at the next meeting. Krista will revise the existing budget to include costs that cropped up this year in preparation for the meeting. Michele indicated that the current website host costs \$162/year. If UMLAC shifts to leasing space from Yellahoose it will cost \$180/year and UMLAC will obtain some web services. The decision was made to switch over.

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC)

Mike is officially UMLAC's representative on CNHRPC's Brownfields Advisory Committee; he will report back to the UMLAC after the upcoming kick off meeting. Adrienne contacted Canterbury's relevant committees to discuss the impervious surface mapping project. Their current agendas are full.

Wild and Scenic River

Nita will follow up with the Congressional Delegation on Wild and Scenic River designation. She will contact Mr. Greene in Representative Kuster’s office.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

UMMP’s contract with the St Paul’s School for the use of their labs for “Bug Nights” runs from January to mid-May. There are still some biomonitoring samples that have not been fully identified. Claudette Verville was able to finish but Chantal McGuire has not yet completed her samples. Steve will call Chantal and discuss the situation and retrieve UMMP’s microscope. Steve will be looking out for field work opportunities where he can do a side by side comparison with another YSI meter to confirm the fixed YSI meter’s accuracy.

Max Maynard (NH Technical Institute) of Franklin is working two times a week as an intern for UMLAC. He met with Ken Edwardson of DES to discuss the format of the data that he is inputting for UMLAC. The objective is to put the data in a usable format, run water quality metrics on it and to make it possible to upload the information into the State’s EMD digital data management system. Relatively sophisticated spreadsheet pivot tables are required. If necessary, Gary and Anne indicated that they could help with the spreadsheet design.

Projects

The after the fact wetland/shoreland permit application for the river front residential parcel in Bow was discussed. Craig Day (DES) is waiting on the revised plan and UMLAC will track the outcome. Krista drove by the Amoskeag Realty project and indicated that the pond had not been filled yet. She will drive by again later in the year.

UMLAC received a digital and a hard copy of the Northern Pass project. There is a 150 day review period for the AOT, Shoreland, and Wetland permits which starts November 13. There was some discussion of how to divide up the review since the application is so massive. DES will post individual permits on their website.

UMLAC voted to have Gary Lemay prepare an intervener letter for the Eastman Falls dam relicensing project. The rationale for seeking intervener status will include overlap with communities that make up UMLAC, potential for downstream flow/water quality impacts and our tributary monitoring site within the project jurisdiction area. Gary prepared comments on the draft Eastman Falls license application and solicited input from other UMLACers by 12/4/2015. He will put his comments on the website for review.

Miscellaneous

Anne will be the October website reviewer.

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 permit). - Field verify the YSI meter accuracy. - Contact Chantal about finishing the biomonitoring sample(s)

Anne	- Website review.
Madeline	- Work on Concord member recruitment including talking to Rick Chormann about potential members from the Concord Conservation Commission.
Bill	- Talk to Glenn about a resignation letter and work with Michele to recruit members.
Everyone	- Think of names for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit. - Work with CNHRPC to present impervious surface write ups to the communities.
Gary Lynn	- Gary will prepare the October meeting minutes and follow up on the CNHRPC report conveyance to Bow.
Glenn	- Submit resignation letter.
Gary Lemay	- Develop a letter seeking intervener status for the Eastman Falls dam relicensing.
Rick	- Rick will follow up on Concord representation and Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report and draft a 2016 budget. - Drive by Amoskeag Realty to evaluate project status.
Mike	- Work with CNHRPC on the brownfields advisory committee and with Gary on the CNRPC summary report.
Nita	- Work with Michele on congressional delegation support for river designation.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary