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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2019
Franklin City Hall, Franklin NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Nita Tomaszewski (At Large), and Mary Lee (Northfield).

Members absent: Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), Gary Lemay (Concord), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen), and Ashley Warner (Northfield).

Others present: Sharon McMillin, PhD (Winnepesaukee River Basin Program)

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 9, 2019 in Northfield.**

Annual Meeting

UMRLAC held its annual meeting and unanimously re-elected its existing slate of officers. UMRLAC approved the proposed annual budget. No changes were proposed to the bylaws. UMRLAC then voted to adjourn the annual meeting.

Minutes

The October minutes were approved.

Membership

Wayne has been renominated and all other members are current. Ashley Warner will be able to work at home part of the week and should be able to attend some meetings in the future, according to town government. Krista volunteered to ask her friend Jock Gagne of Boscawen whether he would be interested in joining UMRLAC.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Issues

The Treasurer's report for October was approved and placed on file.

Guest Speaker

Sharon McMillin gave a presentation on micro-plastic pollution. Sharon indicated that microbeads (plastic particles smaller than 5 millimeters) were banned via a series of bills from 2017 through 2019. The ban expanded during this time period to include cosmetics and eventually over the counter drugs (ointments, etc). Although a ban is in place on microbeads, the microplastics problem is not solved because microplastics are formed when plastics break down or synthetic clothing is washed. For example, a plastic bag degrades into 2,000 microplastic particles after 3 months and washing a fleece jacket releases 250,000 micro plastic particles after one washing. Sharon also indicated that microfibers are too small and buoyant to be effectively removed by a wastewater treatment plant and that the majority of the particles

pass through plants and are discharged to water bodies. Sharon also discussed some of the issues that the Franklin Wastewater Treatment plant has. She indicated that 70% of the wastewater flow from downtown Franklin was from stormwater or groundwater infiltration and that grease and wipes are a big bar rack problem.

Michele will ask Don Ware about doing a PFOA presentation in either December or January. Michele and Steve will do a bug night introductory presentation in February.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No change in status.

FERC Licensing

No new developments.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

UMMP and the St Paul's School are making progress on the Bug Night contract. Bug Nights are likely to start early or mid January. Thank you notes for volunteers that assisted in the deployment and collection of the rock baskets have been prepared.

Projects

Sharon provided UMLAC information on the emergency generator aboveground tank permit application. The new generator has been delivered and will ensure faster emergency power start up during a power outage. The generator concrete pad is 3 inches above the 100-year flood plain but the area where it will be placed is flat and has a lot of flood storage. This will ensure that a flood more severe than the 100-year flood will not topple the tank. Additionally, the tank is bolted down and has the weight of the emergency generator on top of it. The aboveground tank is double walled, spill and corrosion protected. UMLAC's questions about the tank permit application were successfully answered at the meeting.

Unitil's wetlands permit for power line work between Theater and Gulf Street in Concord was issued. UMLAC did not have concerns about the permit and its conditions.

The Franklin solar array alteration of terrain permit application was discussed. NHDES has determined that more information needs to be supplied including: 1) Natural heritage issues need to be addressed, 2) The access road location needs to be revised, 3) Additional power lines, if needed, should be shown on the plans and 4) The wetlands delineation needs to be extended. Some of the key issues raised in the UMLAC comment letter were specifically raised in the NHDES letter, specifically the mislabeling of the FEMA flood zones, the flood plain delineation not following land contours and the use of wildlife friendly erosion control fabric. UMLAC was disappointed that NHDES did not reinforce our request that the engineer evaluate changes in runoff resulting from the project's increase in impervious surfaces.

NHDES sent a request for information on the proposed Havenwood/Heritage Heights redevelopment project alteration of terrain permit application. The letter requests a salt minimization plan, the use of certified Green Snow Applicators, confirmation that the stormwater system will fully drain in 72 hours and an erosion control construction sequence plan. UMLAC will send a letter to the engineer and NHDES inquiring about the name of the chloride impaired water body referenced in the letter and why UMLAC's letter was not included in the NHDES letter.

Miscellaneous

UMWA received an extension of the Turkey River restoration grant. The new deadline is February 2021. The selected contractor would like to reduce the planned scope of work.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-present bug night introductory talk.- Prepare comments on the Havenwood/Heritage Heights AOT application.- Finalize the St Paul's bug night contract.- Contact Don Ware about a PFOA presentation.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-present bug night introductory talk.
Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue to track Brownfields Advisory Committee.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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.- Discuss UMLAC membership with Jock Gagne.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.