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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2014
Bow Municipal Building, Bow

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Madeline Mineau (Concord)

Others Present: Christy Liolis and Gary Lemay (potential representative for Concord)

Members absent: Krista Crowell (Bow),

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 **January 12, 2015 in Concord.**

Membership

Gary Lemay is interested in joining UMRLAC and gave us a quick summation of his background. Gary is a water resources engineer with Gomez & Sullivan. He has a civil engineering degree from UNH and did his masters thesis on the impact of urbanization on streams. UMRLAC encouraged him to get his application materials in to the City of Concord. Michele also discussed membership in the committee with Brian Adams of Concord. Brian may attend our January meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Krista was unable to attend the meeting so there was no November Treasurer's report. The PSNH Adopt-a-River Site payment is the only overdue payment.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

NH DOT is interested in working with UMRLAC to find the source of the sediment erosion that clogged their large box culvert under US Route 3 (wetlands permit reviewed during the November meeting). Steve will follow up with NH DOT on the sedimentation issue.

Nancy followed up on the Boscawen/Canterbury bridge demolition project. She indicated that work started 48 hours prior to our notification. She was not allowed onsite. Nancy indicated that the cables split and had to be restrung. The project took a week to complete, significantly longer than what had been promised. She also noted that the decking was being burned in barrels – the state's rules prohibit burning of demolition debris. Wayne followed up on the illegal burning activities and DES apparently told them to discontinue the practice. The promised boom was put in place and there was a diver onsite retrieving debris.

NH DOT submitted another wetland permit for stormwater improvements for the intersection of Industrial Park Drive and Route 3. NH DOT is completing an improvement to this intersection and addressing stormwater issues at the same time. The application that was provided was pretty rudimentary. There are no best management practices sheets for the stormwater improvements, no cross section details, or stormwater system sizing calculations. UMLAC will provide feedback to NH DOT on submission of better permit applications but has no objections to this necessary work. UMLAC comments are due by December 20.

The City of Concord submitted an alteration of terrain and wetlands permit application for the Sewell Falls replacement bridge project. UMLAC comments are due by December 16. The current bridge is structurally deficient and has been shutdown. In this project, a temporary bridge will be constructed, new pilings driven into the river and a river diversion constructed during the new pier construction. They have completed a survey for rare and endangered species and have relocated brook floater mussels downstream. UMLAC is interested in how the existing bridge will be demolished and is pleased with the upgraded wildlife passage that will be constructed under the bridge. Additional positive features include deep sump catch basins to pre-treat stormwater and a good stormwater inspection and maintenance manual. The application includes a waiver request for peak runoff control. The concept is that nothing has changed – the existing bridge stormwater all ended up in the river and the new bridge will be the same situation. This is not exactly the case since the new bridge will have salt addition while the open grated existing bridge did not require salt. UMLAC will supply a comment letter thanking the City for providing a complete and comprehensive application. The comment deadline is January 4.

Wild and Scenic River

Nita will deliver the Wild and Scenic River designation support letter to the City of Franklin. Michele will prepare the letter. Rick discussed Concord's status. Jim McCartney and Jamie Fosburgh, National Park Service, are scheduled to answer questions at next Wednesday Conservation Commission meeting. He hopes that representatives of Concord's General Services Department will attend. This department has expressed concerns in 2010 about whether the designation could make it more difficult to withdraw water from the Merrimack River for Concord's water system.

Guest and Winter Speakers

Michele indicated that everything is set with Mr. Caduto for the winter guest speaker program.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Michele indicated that the bug night flyer will be sent out by then end of the month. Michele will follow up on scheduling a UMMP technical advisory committee (TAC) meeting. Steve will be contacting EcoAnalysts to obtain a cost estimate for some biomonitoring QA assistance for UMMP. He hopes to have an email quote to go over at next month's UMLAC meeting.

Miscellaneous

The students at Colby Sawyer working on the Franklin stormwater project went home early on break and UMLAC assistance with their project will be delayed until they return from winter break (1/20/2015). UMLAC will create a work group to help them. The project needs to be completed by mid-May. The Colby Sawyers students are currently working with Brian Sullivan of Franklin. Nita, Bill, Madeleine, and Wayne were interested in participating in a work group.

Michele would like to improve the content of the UMLAC forum. She encouraged submission of posts and suggested that the Colby Sawyer or bridge demolition project could be potential topics. Michele also discussed the LAC mini workshop that was recently held at NH DES. The outcome of the lean process examination of the permitting process was discussed as well as approaches that are being used for permit reviews. Michele was surprised how extensively regional planning commissions were used in some cases to support LACs. Finally, there is a new rail trail being considered (Concord to Claremont). Nita has offered her help for this latest rail trail initiative.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 TAC meeting to discuss the UMMP program.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve will coordinate sample id work with EcoAnalysts. - Steve/Michele will send out correspondence on permit applications.
Nita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nita will follow up with the City of Franklin on a wild and scenic river designation support letter.
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