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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2015
Bow Municipal Building, Bow

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), Madeline Mineau (Concord), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Anne Dowling (Canterbury)

Members absent: Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Glen Brown (Northfield), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

Others Present: Steve Couture (Chair, Hooksett Conservation Commission) and Christy Liolis

The Chair of UMLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The next meeting will be **January 11, 2016 in Canterbury**.

Membership

Madeline and Steve will look for additional Concord representative(s). Krista volunteered that she could email her twins club about UMLAC membership. Glenn Brown has not submitted a resignation letter. Bill will continue to follow up with Glenn.

Treasurer's Report

The November Treasurer's report was reviewed. There is a 60-cent discrepancy; the bank misread a check. NH Hydro is the only Adopt-a-River Site member that hasn't yet paid. The draft budget was distributed and reviewed by UMLAC. UMLAC voted to accept the budget. The Treasurer's report was approved and placed on file.

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC)

Mike reported on the CNHRPC's Brownfields Advisory Committee kick off meeting. EPA participated by telephone. The initial focus will be on sites in Hillsborough, Pittsfield, and Concord. The meetings will be in the evening. During the meeting, Phase I and II environmental assessments and the request for qualifications process (RFQ) were discussed. The RFQ for CNHRPC brownfields grant environmental consultants is due January 13.

The impervious surface project was discussed (Craig Tufts and Matt Moynihan are the CNHRPC contacts). Gary Lynn indicated that he sent the information to Art Cunningham, Bow Planning Board Chairman, and that he discussed the materials in person with Wendy Waskin of the Bow Conservation Commission. Michele indicated that she and Steve Landry plan to send a letter on the availability of the information to Bruce Crawford, Boscawen Planning Board Chair. Adrienne and Anne will talk to Michele about how to present the material to Canterbury. The maps will be added to UMLAC's website to make access easier.

Wild and Scenic River designation for Franklin

Mr. John Greene, former Representative in Congresswoman Kuster's office, is no longer our contact because he left Kuster's office for academia. UMLAC will follow up with the new contact person.

Winter Program

UMLAC discussed whether we would have another winter program at the St Paul's School. It would probably be held the last Thursday in March. A number of topics were discussed including Earthquakes, Climate Change, River Geology, River Geomorphology (John Field presented at the New Hampshire Rivers Council's "Why do Rivers Do That?" program in June), invasive species and anadromous fish. The UMLAC could look over past topics from the Science Café was suggested for inspiration. Anadromous fish would be an interesting topic and the speaker could be from the Amoskeag Fishways staff in Manchester or Fish and Game. Gary Lemay, Steve, Madeleine, and Bill Dawson indicated that they would help identify speakers. Michele will speak to St Paul's about participating in their Science lecture program as a venue for the program.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

UMMP's contract with the St Paul's School for the use of their labs for "Bug Nights" has been signed. Michele indicated that the Bug Night flyer theme was Soldier Fly of Fortune but that topic may not a good one based on the recent terrorism problems. The decision was made to go with a different theme such as Mud Magazine, Bug Appétit, Architectural Bugfest, etc. The Technical Information Team will be scheduled to meet before the first bug night on January 27th.

Max Maynard (NH Technical Institute), UMLAC's intern, entered all of UMLAC's data except for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. He also did some graphing of the data. He found that the data was consistent except drought years when low river flow rates impact habitat. Max did a capstone project presentation on his work and Michele will see if he is willing to do a similar presentation to UMLAC.

The YSI meter hasn't been field proofed. Steve will see if Ted Walsh is willing to take out our YSI meter for his Policy Brook salt study work.

Projects

The after-the-fact wetland/shoreland permit application for the Joseph Ryder residential parcel in Bow was discussed. There doesn't appear to be any status change and the revised permit application hasn't been submitted. The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) has determined that the Northern Pass permit application is complete. The 120-day comment period will start in January. Michele will give the thumb drives containing the permit application to Gary Lynn to bring to Krista for copying. Krista noted that she went by the Amoskeag project and that nothing is happening on that project.

Miscellaneous

Anne completed her review of the website. She suggested that some of the material appears to be dated and could stand to be updated. Anne will email Michele her suggestions. Madeleine is the website reviewer for December. Steve Couture discussed the Town of Hooksett's conservation efforts (2,000 acres acquired) and highlighted significant land preservation efforts

near the Bow town line (260 acres being acquired). Gary indicated that the town of Bow's Conservation Commission meeting was taking place in a nearby room and that the Bow Open Space Committee and the Conservation Commission were good groups to coordinate with. Gary introduced Steve Couture to the Bow Conservation Commission members and Steve continued his discussions with them.

Michele handed out a map prepared by the Public Water Access Advisory Board. She indicated that the Board would like feedback on the accuracy and completeness of the map. There was a complaint that the Crete Farm is spreading sludge too close to the river. Michele will be provided film footage of the incident. Steve will email out version 6 of the plan review SOP.

Summary of Assignments:

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| 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 and schedule the technical information committee before the first bug night meeting. - Michele will work with Anne and Adrienne presenting the impervious surface report to Canterbury and will send a letter on the report to the Boscawen Planning Board. - Michele will discuss the winter program with the St Paul's School. |
| Steve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines. - Steve will talk to Ted Walsh about field verification of the YSI meter accuracy. - Steve will email version 6 of the plan review SOP to UMLAC. |
| Anne | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email Michele her website review comments. - Discuss impervious surface report handling with Michele and Adrienne. |
| Madeline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work on Concord member recruitment including talking to Rick Chormann about potential members from the Concord Conservation Commission. - Website review. |
| Bill | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk to Glenn about a resignation letter and work with Michele to recruit members. |
| Everyone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Think of names for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit. - Review the public access maps for accuracy. - Think of winter program topics (especially Gary Lemay, Steve, Madeleine and Bill Dawson) - Work with CNHRPC to present impervious surface write-ups to the communities. |
| Gary Lynn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary will prepare the December meeting minutes and follow up on the CNHRPC report conveyance to Bow. |
| Glenn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit resignation letter. |
| Gary Lemay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a letter seeking intervener status for the Eastman Falls dam relicensing. |
| Rick | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rick will follow up on Concord representation and Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord. |
| Krista | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report. |
| Nita | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with Michele on congressional delegation sponsorship for river designation. |

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary