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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2016
Northfield Town Hall in Northfield, NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Gary Lemay (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury) and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Wayne Ives (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord) and Alan Larter (Franklin).

Others attending: Chris Powles (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Luke Mahoney (Brookford Farm) and Luke's son

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 9, 2017 in Boscawen.**

Membership

Michele will check on Nita's membership status. Rick Chormann has not responded yet on the status of his membership renewal.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and placed on file. All support payments have now been received (Bow recently paid). Krista will fix a minor error in the accounts (some of the printing costs were mislabeled as postage).

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The tentative schedule for bug nights is every Wednesday at the St Paul's School starting in mid-January.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee

No new developments with respect to the CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee.

Guest Speaker

Steve is exploring whether Tyson Merrill would be willing to speak at UMRLAC's January meeting on his Master's Thesis topic - Eastern Brown Trout in the Beebe River. Tyson is a Plymouth State University student. Tyson also has experience with the fish ladders in Massachusetts. It was also suggested that Wayne Ives could provide an update on developments related to minimum instream flow research and legislation in New Hampshire.

Winter Lecture

UMRLAC discussed possible topics for the St. Paul's School Birkhead Lecture Series. It was suggested that a panel on New Hampshire's ongoing drought would be interesting. Brandon Kernon, for example, has an extremely good presentation on the status of the drought. He is

heading up the state's drought committee. Someone representing the agricultural community could speak on their proposed drought relief bill and Fish and Game could discuss wildlife impacts (two New Hampshire Rivers stopped flowing). Gary Lemay, Adrienne, Steve and Michele elected to stay after the UMLAC meeting to further discuss options for the lecture.

Projects

Gary LeMay submitted comments on the Eastman Falls dam relicensing project. No response has been provided to his comments to date.

Luke Mahoney attended the meeting to help answer questions on his proposed Brookford Farm drainage ditch maintenance project. He noted that the work would not take place near the Merrimack and that there is a 100 foot conservation easement that requires a buffer from the river. All work is slated to take place within manmade drainage ditches and the work is necessary to minimize field flooding. His livestock only grazes on a plot for a maximum of 12 hours. This minimizes the concentration of manure in one place and the risk of runoff of e coli bacteria. UMLAC also collects bacteria samples in the area and has not observed bacteria impacts. UMLAC thanked him for coming to clarify the intent of the permit application and several members complimented him on his feta cheese and other farm products.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Prepare January agenda. - Check on Nita's membership status. - Finalize bug night schedule with Steve.
Steve	- Discuss with Tyson Merrill the proposed presentation on his Master's thesis.
Winter program committee	- Develop speaker ideas and topics list.
Rick Chormann	- Membership renewal.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.