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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2015
Franklin City Hall

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Alan Larder (Franklin), and Nancy Roy (Canterbury)

Others Present: Mr. Liolis, Gary Lemay (future representative of Concord), Todd Workman (Franklin citizen), Joe Kilbenna (Franklin citizen), Colby Sawyer students (Tim Morrow, Carrie Brewster, Cody Ferlow, Rachel Merrill) and Harvey Pine (Colby Sawyer professor)

Members absent: Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Wayne Ives (Franklin) and Madeline Mineau (Concord)

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 **March 9, 2015 in Northfield.**

Membership

Gary Lemay's nomination is in process.

Establishment of a 501(c)(3)

The first meeting for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit exploratory committee was set for February 23, 2015 at 6PM. The meeting will be at Steve and Michele's house.

Treasurer's Report

The January Treasurer's report was reviewed and UMLAC voted to accept the report and put it on file. PSNH is the only entity that is behind on paying invoices. Krista will call and remind PSNH. The 2015 annual budget was reviewed and approved. The budget is similar to last year but with printing and postage increased to reflect this year's experience on current costs. Following budget approval, Krista provided the New Hampshire Rivers Council our support payment.

Colby Sawyer College Senior Project

Juniors majoring in environmental science at Colby Sawyer College (see attendees list) discussed their project, assisting Franklin with its Master Plan. They are concentrating on improving Franklin's system of stormwater management. There are a variety of concerns, specifically, combined sewer and direct runoff into the river. The students would like to reduce stormwater flows by implementing best management practices such as bioswales, rain gardens, rain barrels, green roofs, etc. They are working with Brian Sullivan and other city employees and citizens. The city is also concerned with stormwater issues and plans to initiate smoke bomb testing of its sewer system as part of their initial efforts to separate sanitary and stormwater flows.

The students would like to collaborate with UMLAC on their project. UMLAC and the students/interested parties discussed potential sources of funding. Options include the state's revolving loan fund (20% forgiveness), section 319 grants and supplemental environmental projects (SEPs). The 319 grants usually fund proposals that are part of an approved watershed "A through I" plan. Franklin's watershed is not yet covered by a plan of that nature. SEPs are projects funded as part of a legal settlement. SEP funding is unpredictable because it depends on relatively large-scale enforcement and the willingness on the part of the defendant to become involved in the project. For follow up, UMLAC suggested a site walk when the weather improves. Carrie Brewster will create a doodle poll to establish the site walk date. The class is finished at the end of April so the site walk would need to take place relatively soon.

Guest and Winter Speakers

Registration for our winter presentation, "Bones of Stones," will go live this week. The St Paul's School will provide the food and housing for the speaker. The talk will start at 7PM on March 26th. UMLAC volunteers will help set up and usher. Set up will start at 6PM.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve received a quote from EcoAnalysts for UMMP related QA/QC work. The quote was for identification of 17 samples at \$200/vial (\$3,400 total) and a high-resolution digital library of all 77 upper Merrimack River taxa for \$4,600. Based on the discussion on cost and scope, Steve is going to get additional quotes and consider whether the digital library needs to be for all taxa or the most difficult to identify taxa.

Project Proposals, Permits and Complaints

UMLAC received notice that alteration of terrain permit for the Sewells Falls bridge replacement project has been issued. The wetlands permit is still in process. UMLAC discussed the Route 3 water main and Cross Street water tank replacement project in Franklin. The water tank is leaking from corrosion damage to the tank. UMLAC had no comment other our approval of starting work on a crucial infrastructure project.

The City of Concord applied for a wetland permit to dredge sediments that clog the Everett Ice Arena boat ramp. The concrete log boat ramp was constructed in 1981 and is no longer unusable for emergency search and rescue boat launches. Approximately 1,800 sq ft of wetland will be impacted and about 75 feet of bank. The historical review notes that there may be old, historic garbage dumps along the bank. Potential UMLAC comments include: 1) avoiding the use of fertilizer and using native plantings (i.e., blueberries, etc.) to stabilize the bank, 2) development of a maintenance plan since the sediment problem is highly likely to reoccur based on river flow patterns, and 3) it is unclear how the sediments will be removed.

Amoskeag Beverage LLC straddles the Bow Concord line and filed an alteration of terrain permit. They would like to fill in their existing fire suppression pond, pave and then use the area to park trucks. The company would tie into Concord's water system for fire protection. As part of this project, the existing stormwater retention pond would be expanded and deepened.

UMLAC's potential comments could include:

- The number provided on the square footage of impact seems wrong. The number matched the size of the pond that will be filled but doesn't seem to include the wetlands that will be disturbed when the stormwater retention pond is expanded,
- UMLAC wondered if the pond's fish could be relocated. Fish and Game may be willing to electroshock the fish as a field exercise.

- Is mitigation required or an ARM fee? This may change if the square footage calculation is wrong.
- UMLAC recommends a naturalized planting for the disturbed areas that are not going to be paved.
- Gary Lemay is going to look into whether the infiltration to groundwater waiver is necessary. He believes the soil in the area is highly permeable and wondered if a mistake was made with the calculations.

Miscellaneous

Steve and Michele gave their presentation to the Bow Rotarians. Work is ongoing on updating UMLAC's permit review guidelines and the work product will be provided at a future meeting. Gary indicated that he would be on vacation for the March 9 meeting. Gary Lemay volunteered to take notes. Michele gave a brief description of the DES permitting Lean process event she was involved with. She indicated that one key finding is that all of the various permit submission deadlines need to be harmonized so that the permit process is less disjointed.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Michele/Steve will chair a 501(c)(3) study committee.
Steve	- Steve will obtain additional quotes for UMMP QA/QC assistance. - Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines.
Michele, Steve, Krista, Wayne, Nita and Gary Lemay	- This work group will get together to evaluate the advantages, disadvantages and logistics involved with creation of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
Gary Lynn	- Gary will prepare the February meeting minutes.
Gary Lemay	- Gary Lemay will prepare the March meeting minutes and check the infiltration calculations for the Amoskeag Beverage permit.
Rick	- Rick will follow up on Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Carrie Brewster	- Carrie will set up a poll for the proposed Franklin site walk.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report and remind PSNH about their overdue payment.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary