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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2018
NH DES Offices, Concord NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Gary Lemay (Concord), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Ashley Warner (Northfield), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Donna Liolis (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Glenn Brown (Franklin).

Others present:

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 12, 2018 in Franklin.**

Membership

No change.

Treasurer's Report

Krista provided the Treasurer's report for December and January. She noted that the Eversource payment is overdue. Michele indicated that Eversource sold its power plants in Bow and, as a result, the company may discontinue adopt-a-site support. Krista will send a reminder to Eversource. The Treasurer's reports were approved and placed on file.

Guest Speaker

Mary Alice Fisher will be a guest speaker on Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) certification at the Bow UMRLAC meeting. Wayne will coordinate with her and Michele will bring a projector to the Bow meeting, if Mary needs one. Wayne will also be a potential speaker on minimum in-stream flow about 6 to 8 months from now.

UMRLAC will schedule a tour of the whitewater project in Franklin prior to its March meeting. Wayne will schedule the tour with Marty and Nita will take care of finding a place for the meeting, possibly at Toad Hall (Franklin art gallery across from the bank). The tour will probably start at the car wash at 6:20 PM and last about a half hour.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

The Brownfields Advisory Committee selected Credere, Sanborn Head and Associates, and Ransom Environmental for their brownfields contract.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve provided a summary of UMMP activities. The bug night flyer was sent via email this year. Steve finished the last of the 2014 sample IDs and the backlog has been eliminated in time for the start of the 2018 identification effort (2017 samples). UMMP is ready for the first bug night.

Projects

Gary Lemay indicated that a FERC site visit of the dam relicensing of the Mad River in Campton is scheduled for February 13th. He also indicated that Essex Hydro acknowledged UMLAC's request for participation in the relicensing process for the Penacook Lower Falls dam but noted that the company is still seeking an extension of that process so that all three of their dams on the Contoocook are relicensed at the same time.

The Wheelabrator Title V air permit was issued a 45-day temporary permit; the final permit will be issued in the near future. Adrienne did a great job of obtaining information on the permit but it wasn't clear whether the incinerator discharges to the river from the cooling tower system. Gary volunteered to talk to Barbara Dorfschmidt, the NH DES staffer that is assigned to the permit review. He will find out whether the plant uses a closed loop cooling system (no discharge).

Birckhead Lecture Series

Michele asked whether UMLAC would like to coordinate another Birckhead lecture series program at the St. Paul's School. Two topics were vetted, salt and rivers and how clean is clean enough. UMLAC decided to develop a program based on the concept of how clean is clean enough. A variety of potential speakers were discussed and the decision was made to contact Ron Poltak (former executive director of NEIWPCC) to provide a historical background on river water quality improvements and Fred McNeill (city of Manchester) could discuss more complex contemporary efforts like combined sewer overflows, stormwater rules and illicit connections. Nonpoint discharges would be another good topic for the panel. Other potential speakers could be Rebeca Harvey (Squam Lakes Association) on pharmaceutical impacts, Randy Monty, Renee Pelletier (NH DES speaker on past history), Ken Stern, etc. A panel of 3 to 4 speakers is desired. Calls to potential speakers will need to be made quickly and a final decision on the program made at the March UMLAC meeting.

Miscellaneous

Bob Sharon, a beloved UMLAC alumni, passed away. Nita will find an address of an appropriate relative to send our condolences. The state wetland rules are being revised. NH DES is in the midst of a comment period on the proposed rule changes; the draft rules and a summary of the revisions are posted on the internet. Michele and Steve will collect comments on the draft rules.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare March agenda.- Call Fred McNeil and Ron Poltak about being Birckhead lecturers.- Bug night start up.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Compile wetland rule comments w/ Michele.- Call Renee Pelletier about being a Birckhead lecturer.- Bug night start up.
Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinate w/ Marty for whitewater project tour.- Coordinate with the LIHI speaker.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes.

Nita	- Arrange a place for the March meeting in Franklin.
Krista	- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.