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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2019
Elkins Library, Canterbury NH

Members present: Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Gary Lemay (Concord), Krista Crowell (Bow), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Nita Tomaszewski (At Large), and Ashley Warner (Northfield).

Others present: No one

The Vice Chair of UMRLAC, Steve Landry, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes. The next meeting will be **March 11, 2019 in Concord.**

Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved with the correction that the Treasurer's reports were for October and November.

Membership

Anne is working on her Canterbury renomination. Adrienne has identified a potential recruit from Northfield and will discuss joining the committee with her. Steve will follow up on the financial disclosure forms that have not yet been submitted (Ashley and Donna).

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for December and January were approved and placed on file. Krista indicated that she needs to prepare a draft annual budget. She will initiate work on it. UMRLAC received an invitation to become a sponsor of the Wild and Scenic River Film Festival (Festival starts March 29th). UMRLAC approved \$150 for sponsorship of the festival and Krista issued a check for that amount.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No change in status.

FERC Licensing

Gary Lemay provided the following FERC licensing update:

- 1) The Eastman Fall water quality plan has been submitted and approved. Water quality monitoring will start soon.
- 2) The Lowell dam relicensing activities are focused on determining the scope of the studies that need to be conducted. Fish passage and hydraulic modeling are being emphasized.

- 3) The comment period for the Lakeport dam relicensing proposed study plan has been extended due to the government shutdown.
- 4) The Piscataquog dam is out of the Upper Merrimack River corridor and wasn't discussed as a result.

Gary Lemay shared the good news that there was a record year of Herring passage at the Amoskeag Fishways. Development of fish passage for the Hooksett dam has been initiated (triggered by fish numbers achieved in 2016). Improvements that will eventually be required at the dam in Lowell should also have a major impact on migratory fish passage over time.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve determined that it would be desirable to send 18 sample vials for professional identification and digital library update. Thirteen of the vials are from the 2017 season (2018 Bug Nights) and the rest are from previous years where there were organisms present that would benefit from professional confirmation of the identification. Steve will obtain pricing information to discuss at a future meeting. The Bug Night flyer is complete and will be sent out via email. Bug Night will start the end of February. Steve will need to purchase some supplies for Bug Nights.

Guest Speakers

Steve asked Nick Nelson to speak about fluvial morphology and Nick accepted the challenge. Steve indicated that he would follow up on a potential speaker on the Nash Stream restoration work currently being completed by Trout Unlimited and NH Fish and Game after Nick's presentation.

Projects

New Hampshire DOT, Bureau of Turnpikes submitted a proposal for a paving overlay of the I-93 Exit 14 ramps (ramps south of Loudon Road). Pavement grinding will be involved. The biggest concern is runoff during the pavement grinding work. UMLAC will ask about the time of year for the work and schedule, as well as NH DOT's runoff management plan.

NH DOT has applied for a wetlands permit for the repair of the 144-foot long, 48-inch culvert that runs under the I-93/I-89 interchange in Bow. The existing culvert is no longer functioning properly and sinkholes are appearing. The plan is to slip line the culvert with a 42-inch pipe and to grout the gap between the inner and outer pipes. No wetlands mitigation is planned because the impacts on wetlands are temporary. The permit application indicates in one spot that there will be no tree clearing and in another spot that 3000 sq ft of trees will be removed. UMLAC will request clarification on the tree clearing and request more information on the proposed temporary diversion of the unnamed tributary to the Turkey River (how long a stretch of channel will be left dry, where does the water diverted to a catch basin end up, etc.). Gary Lemay indicated that he would look over the application and email Steve if he has additional comments.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Prepare March agenda.
Steve	- Obtain pricing for professional ID of 18 benthic organism samples. - Contact a guest speaker for the Nash stream restoration presentations. - Coordinate with Nick Nelson on presentation logistics. - Purchase bug night supplies. - Follow up on missing financial disclosure forms. - Develop comments for the NH DOT projects.
Gary	- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	- Continue to track FERC licensing activities. - Look over the NH DOT culvert project application.
Krista	- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.