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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2016
Concord City Hall

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Mike Hansen (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord), Gary Lemay (Concord), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Anne Dowling (Canterbury)

Members absent: Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Madeleine Mineau (Concord), Glen Brown (Northfield), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

Others Present: Christy Liolis, Kirsten Nelson, Miranda Adams, Jeff Parrot

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 **April 11, 2016 in Franklin.**

Membership

We are still waiting on Glenn Brown's resignation letter.

Treasurer's Report

The February Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and placed on file. Franklin submitted their annual budget request. Michele responded with the information. Michele was reimbursed \$9.99 for Bug Night treats (budgeted item).

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC)

Mike Hansen updated UMRLAC on the CNHRPC's Brownfields Advisory Committee meeting he attended on January 19. Three firms have been selected; Credari, Ransom, and Sanborn Head.

Wild and Scenic River

Franklin has postponed the Wild and Scenic designation as the Northern Pass has taken priority. They will reconsider if/when the project is complete. Boscawen proposed at town meeting to block Concord and Franklin from designating their sections of the river as Wild and Scenic. Conversely, a Franklin resident (not from UMRLAC) proposed that Franklin designate their section of the river as Wild and Scenic.

Winter Program

UMRLAC has tentative date of April 22 for the Paul's School Birkhead Science lecture series (winter program). The topic of fisheries in the Merrimack was suggested. If a film cannot be decided a three panelist discussion may be used instead. Suggested panelists include Matt Carpenter from NH Fish and Game Department and Kathleen Neville from Amoskeag Fishways. Another suggestion was someone from Trout Unlimited (Michele will follow up).

Guest Jeff Parrot suggested contacting the Fly Fishing Film Festival for a potential source for films.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The March 16th Bug Nights was cancelled as Michele was asked for help by residents along the Warner River on how to nominate a river and she will be assisting them. The following meetings will meet as scheduled.

Nonprofit Incorporation

The Upper Merrimack Watershed Association incorporation papers were signed after the meeting. Michele will file the papers.

Projects

The Public Water Access Advisory Board public access data request was discussed.

The Franklin Conservation Commission sent a letter with concerns about the Northern Pass project.

The Northern Pass Work Subgroup (Steve, Michele, Gary Lemay, Bill, Nita, Anne, Donna, and Mike) met previously and shared their discussion with UMLAC. Additional information should be in the AOT. Mike will check on this.

DOT permit for the work under I393 was reviewed. There are three culverts in failure. Steve L will draft a letter from our discussion.

The Eastman Falls application was incomplete so we have more time for intervener status.

Miscellaneous

- Anne will be the website reviewer for March.
- Nita received correspondence from Aquarion Water Champions Award but it may not be applicable to our area.
- Each member had a few minutes to share their Around the Watershed topic.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Michele will send a response to NHDOT on their interstate related projects. - Michele will submit the signed nonprofit incorporation documents.
Steve	- Steve will talk to Ted Walsh about field verification of the YSI meter accuracy.
Anne	- Anne will review the website.
Everyone	- Review the public access maps for accuracy. - Work with CNHRPC to present impervious surface write-ups to the communities.
Gary Lynn	- Gary will prepare the April meeting minutes

Minutes submitted by Krista Crowell, UMLAC Treasurer