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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2017
Old Bow Town Hall, Bow, NH

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

Members absent: Gary Lynn (Bow), and Alan Larter (Franklin).

Others attending: Brandon Kernen (NHDES), Christy Liolis (Franklin).

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 10, 2017 in Canterbury**.

Guest Speaker

Brandon Kernen (NHDES) presented on the past and current drought conditions in New Hampshire. He pointed out the high stream flows are misleading since groundwater levels and reservoirs are low. The recent snowfall will help, but is insufficient by itself to offset the deficit.

Membership

Mike Hansen's membership is expiring and he is in process of renewing. Rick Chormann is considering renewing. Alan expires in August and has not responded. Donna's membership is expiring. Nita's needs to submit the correct form and is preparing to do that.

Action Items

Action items were reviewed and the last meetings actions had been completed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and placed on file. Krista paid \$150 for data upload to __. UMRLAC discussed the \$150 budget for River Network/River Rally and whether this was of continuing interest. Discussion was to continue to look into the River Network organization to determine UMRLAC's interest in continued funding.

Brownfields Advisory Committee

Nothing new to report.

Winter Lecture

UMRLAC has asked four people to form a drought panel discussion group for the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program Winter Series and Birkhead Science Lecture series partnership. Brandon Kernen (NH DES), Chip Chesley (City of Concord), Matt Carpenter (NH F&G), and Dode Gladders, UNH Coop. Ext. have agreed to be panelists at the April 3 event at 7pm at the Lindsay Center Lecture Hall on St. Paul's campus in Concord.

Projects

UMRLAC received a response from NH DES on UMRLAC’s Eastman Falls dam relicensing project comments. The final water quality certification document was not changed to address UMRLAC’s comments. In response to UMRLAC’s request to be involved with future developments in the permitting process, NH DES indicated that they would try to accommodate UMRLAC’s request. Michele will send NH DES a reminder of the statutory requirement for LAC notifications related to permits. FERC is expected to issue a permit in the near future.

Steve raised the topic of wildlife-friendly erosion control products and the damage done by plastic versions, even those described as sunlight-degradable. The consensus was that UMRLAC would recommend this type of product in permit reviews. Individuals may inform their municipality’s planning and conservation committees of these products so they may consider using them.

Nita described a proposed kayaking/ boating water park on the Winnepesaukee River in Franklin, which would substantially change structures on the river and likely the flows also. This project has already moved forward to the point that an article in the Franklin city newsletter on the subject by City Manager Elizabeth Dragon promoting the project has been published describing the 1.25 mile park starting at Cross Mill Road and extending to Trestle View Park. Biweekly meetings are being held between the city and the partners. UMRLAC determined to evaluate the impact on flows in the upper Merrimack since the site is outside the Designated River’s management corridor.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Prepare April agenda.
Steve/Michele	- Check values River Network may have for UMRLAC
Winter program committee	- Final setup required.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer’s report

Minutes submitted by Wayne Ives.