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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2020
Elkins Public Library, Canterbury NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Nita Tomaszewski (At large), and Mary Lee (Northfield).

Members absent: Krista Crowell (Bow), Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Gary Lemay (Concord), Rick Chormann (Concord), Donna Liolis (Franklin), and Ashley Warner (Northfield).

Others present: Aurora Hutchinson

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 13, 2020 in Concord**. Note: other arrangements are likely for the upcoming Concord meeting based on the Governor's emergency declaration made after the March UMRLAC meeting.

Minutes

The February minutes were approved.

Membership

All UMRLAC committee memberships are current. Rick Chormann's appointment is due in October. Donna's is in April and Ashley is up in December. UMRLAC unanimously voted in favor of Steve and Michele continuing as at large members. Their membership is up in April and Gary Lynn will prepare a letter for UMRLAC nominating them for another term.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Issues

The Treasurer's reports for January and February were approved and placed on file. Krista was not able to attend the meeting so there was no treasurer's report.

Guest Speaker

Michele is working with Don Ware of Pennichuck on finding a date for his PFOA presentation. Additional presentation possibilities were discussed. It was decided that a presentation on the status of the state's culvert assessment program would be desirable. Steve will contact potential speakers on this joint DES/DOT/UNH Cooperative Extension program effort.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No new developments.

FERC Licensing (Gary Lemay)

No new developments.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The fifth Bug Night took place last week. All subsampling was completed during week bug night week four and during week five family identification was initiated. There have been an average of 16 to 18 volunteers present each week.

Projects

Based on UMLAC's review last month, Michele provided the permit application sign off for the Eversource routine right of way maintenance wetlands permit application. UMLAC received an alteration of terrain permit (AOT) application from GMI Acquisition LLC for a proposed 875,000 sq ft gravel pit located off Route 3 in Boscawen. The gravel pit will be located very near to Stirrup Iron Brook. UMLAC will prepare a comment letter based on the following concerns: a) Is there a phasing or other relevant plans to minimize sediment impacts to Stirrup Island Brook from erosion or airborne deposition?, b) The application indicates that this is a gravel pit expansion, even though there is no active permit, c) There are no site photos in the application to help evaluate site slopes and conditions, d) A new driveway (paved?) is specified but the application reports zero linear feet of new roadway, e) The application indicates that post mining there will be no change in drainage patterns. It is unclear how that could be with the dramatic changes in site contours that will result from mining activities, f) The application should provide a clearer narrative on why there were no drainage calculations provided for area 3, g) Is there a post-mining restoration plan and h) Are mid-reclamation stormwater conditions worse than the conditions that were examined?

UMLAC received a letter from NH DES on the Franklin Solar Array project. NH DES requested a response to 13 items. UMLAC has no additional questions or comments.

UMWA Update

UMWA continues to make progress on the Turkey River Restoration Project. UMWA finalized the contract with CNHRPC and will be working on the CEI contract this week. NH DES needs to review the CEI contract prior to its finalization. Both contracts will have a May 2021 deadline due to the June 2021 grant deadline.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contact Don Ware about a PFOA presentation.- Co-host Bug Nights
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-host Bug Nights- Prepare comments for the Boscawen gravel pit AOT application.- Find a speaker on the culvert assessment program topic.
Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue to track Brownfields Advisory Committee.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue to track FERC licensing activities.- Draft generic letters for AOT, shorelands, and wetlands permits.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.