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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2014  
Bow Town Offices, Bow

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Bill Dawson (Northfield)

*Members absent:* Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Madeline Mineau (Concord)

*Others Present:* None

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 **May 12, 2014 in Canterbury**.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for March was circulated, approved, and placed on file. Michele requested repayment for new table skirting clips and bug night prizes for a total of \$32.44. These items were included in the budget and did not require an additional committee vote. Michele indicated that Checkmate would probably not renew and discussed potential replacement sponsors. It would also be desirable to have some of the new sites adopted by sponsors.

#### Membership

Tucker Nowack cannot get out of his night job and has resigned from UMRLAC. David Kirkpatrick's term has expired and he will not be renewing. Michele will send thank you notes to both of these valued former members. Alan Larder is interested and owns the Northfield train station property. Ken Jordan of Canterbury may also be interested.

#### Minimum Instream Flow Presentation

Wayne Ives gave a presentation on the minimum instream river flow pilot study project. An amazing number of studies have been completed as part of this project and the bottom line is that the best approach to setting a minimum instream flow standard is to mimic natural cycles. His proposal looks at minimum flows for a variety of different duration events. Additionally, longer low flow durations require a higher minimum flow standard. A report will be prepared for the legislature in 2015 and it will include a conservation plan, water use plan, and dam management plan for the studied rivers.

#### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve indicated that bug nights ended early and that 100% of the organisms have been identified. The Bug Night report cards have been completed and will be mailed soon. The next step will be preparation for the monitoring season. This will include putting an order together

for stainless steel-legged replacement sieve buckets. A budget of \$200 was previously approved for the sieve buckets but 10 buckets, rebar and other items are needed and the budget will probably be exceeded. As a result, Steve will prepare the UMMP budget and bring the equipment request budget to the May meeting for a vote. Steve is also in the process of reconstituting the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for UMMP. Alumni member Marilee Horn is interested in serving on the TAC. Note: it was a highly successful year of bug nights with front-page coverage in the Concord Monitor and an article in the Concord Insider.

#### Wild and Scenic River Designation

Michele discussed restarting the Wild and Scenic River designation effort. UMRLAC voted to pursue the designation again for at least the three towns that were interested (Northfield, Franklin, and Canterbury). UMRLAC members will re-contact their towns to judge current interest.

#### Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

GZA submitted a minimum impact wetland permit on behalf of PSNH for H137 transmission line upgrades at the Garvin Falls facility in Bow. Two telephone poles will be installed to reduce the stress on the substation from the power line weight. There will be 8 sq feet of permanent impact and 1800 sq ft of temporary impact. Swamp mats will be used to minimize the impact of construction equipment on the wetlands. UMRLAC will not be providing comments because there was no reasonable alternative to the work and because the impact is limited.

#### Miscellaneous

- 1) Anne will be the April website reviewer.
- 2) UMRLAC entered a non-public session at 7:30 PM. The session lasted six minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn