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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2015
Merrimack County Nursing Home Theatre, Boscawen

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Gary Lemay (Concord), Rick Chormann (Concord), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Wayne Ives (Franklin) and Madeline Mineau (Concord) and Alan Larder (Franklin)

Others Present: Mr. Liolis

Members absent: Nita Tomaszewski (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 **May 11, 2015 in Bow**.

Membership

Gary Lemay is officially the newest member of UMRLAC. Anne Emerson and Nancy Roy will be stepping down but they found replacement members to represent Canterbury. Bill Dawson has been renominated by Northfield. Bill is actively looking for additional Northfield representatives. Gary and Krista need to contact Bow about renomination due to expiring terms.

Establishment of a 501(c)(3)

The 501(c)(3) nonprofit exploratory committee report will be discussed at the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The March Treasurer's report was reviewed and UMLAC voted to accept the report and put it on file. PSNH was contacted and they indicated that they intend to continue as an adopt-a-site sponsor. Michele requested reimbursement of \$42.8 for 5" x 7" photos of UMMP workers from the recent Concord Monitor UMMP article. Michele also gave Krista \$7 in donations from the Bones of Stones talk. Krista discussed the fact that one of our adopt-a-site sponsors, Aquarian Analytical, has been acquired. Gary Lynn offered to provide contact information on Nelson Analytical Lab for Michele. Gary indicated that he had a conflict of interest because his program has a large contract with Nelson and that he didn't feel comfortable contacting them about continuing with Aquarian's Adopt-a-River site relationship with UMRLAC; Michele will follow up. Krista informed UMRLAC that she would be transferring \$2,000 from savings to checking to cover expenses.

CNHRPC Project

CNHRPC completed the draft maps for the impervious surface mapping project. UMRLAC members should provide feedback on the maps by the end of the week.

Colby Sawyer College Senior Project

UMRLAC didn't schedule a site walk with the Colby Sawyer students, based on the developments over time it no longer made sense. The Colby Sawyers students gave a presentation at Franklin City Hall on April 2 on their project.

Wild and Scenic River Designation

Rick summarized the progress that is being made in Concord on deciding whether to pursue Wild and Scenic River designation for the Merrimack. The new senior planner for Concord is interested in designation but General Services remains concerned about whether designation will impact future water withdrawals from the Merrimack. After some discussion, UMLAC voted to proceed with the Franklin portion of the river. The next steps would be for UMLAC to nominate the portions of the Pemigewasset and Merrimack in Franklin and then Franklin's City Council might convene a public meeting. Alan wanted further information since his hydroelectric business has river frontage and river related operations. It was explained to Alan that his business is not involved since it is located on the Winnepesaukee River.

Guest and Winter Speakers

The winter presentation, "Bones of Stones," post-event survey was reviewed. Most people liked the presentation, based on the survey results. There was some discussion of potential future science lectures, but no decision was made at this point in time.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve put the UMMP related QA/QC work out to bid and received seven quotes. The bids ranged from a high of \$8,020 to a low of \$2,800. The bid was for identification of 17 samples and a high resolution digital library of all 81 upper Merrimack River taxa. There was uncertainty whether the lowest bids were lower because lower quality digital images will be provided and there was some concern that one of the bidders has issues with timeliness. Madeleine indicated that the price differential could be due to substantially lower overhead for some of the smaller operations. After some discussion, the decision was made to ask for references and to obtain samples of the firm's digital images. Everyone should read the bid package for next month and any additional postings so that a decision can be made in May.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

UMRLAC discussed the City of Concord's project to clear debris and scrub growth in the area of the planned Storrs Street extension. UMLAC noted that Nobis is a good choice for observation of the environmental aspect of the proposed work due to their experience operating the Johnny Prescott property oil recovery system. UMLAC has no comments on the permit application and will send a courtesy letter to the City noting that.

The alteration of terrain permit application for the Sewells Falls bridge project was amended. There are changes to the drainage system and an increase in the impervious area. The stormwater treatment system was upgraded to treat the increase flow. UMLAC has no additional comments on the permit application.

DES sent out a comment letter on the Concord Boat launch dredging project at Everett Arena. The DES letter requested more information on how the dredging will be conducted and noted that DES cannot approve annual dredging.

Miscellaneous

Wayne will be the website reviewer for April. UMLAC voted to reimburse Bill Dawson for the Source Water Protection Conference registration fee (\$55). Bill will need to report back to the committee on what he learned from the conference. Michele stated that professional development should be a line item in future budgets. Everyone was reminded that this year is Fish and Game's 150th anniversary and that they would be celebrating that at Wild New Hampshire Day in Concord. Additionally, public input will be solicited on Fish and Game's wildlife action plan in May.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Michele will contact Nelson Analytical Lab about the adopt-a-site program.
Steve	- Steve will obtain references and sample digital images to facilitate evaluation of the quotes for UMMP QA/QC assistance. - Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines for the May meeting.
Everyone	- Review the 501(c)(3) nonprofit exploratory committee report and the UMMP quotes for the May meeting. - Provide comments on the impervious surface maps by the end of the week.
Gary Lynn	- Gary will prepare the April meeting minutes. - Gary will contact Bow about renomination.
Rick	- Rick will follow up on Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report. - Krista will contact Bow about renomination.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary