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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2016  
Franklin Opera House, Franklin

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

*Members absent:* Gary Lemay (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

*Others Present:* Max and Kim Maynard

The Chair of UMRAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The next meeting will be **May 9, 2016 in Northfield.**

#### Membership

Michele reviewed expiration dates of existing members. Michele's records showed Krista and Gary's membership expiring in May 2016. Krista thought that Bow had completed the renewal process for both of Bow's members; Krista/Michele will verify this. Rick and Wayne also had 2016 membership expiration dates. There are several prospective members from Concord that are interested. Michele will follow up on these potential candidates.

#### Treasurer's Report

The March Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved and placed on file. The City of Franklin budget request has been submitted and UMRAC will need to discuss the budget with the City at a public hearing. Friends of the Northern Rail Trail requested support. Krista will send a \$50 support check to the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail. To date, 59 miles of rail trail has been completed by this organization; this year they are going to concentrate on trail maintenance activities.

#### Guest Speaker

Max Maynard was our guest speaker for the meeting. Max was an UMRAC intern and worked to organize our Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP) data as part of his New Hampshire Technical Institute capstone project. Max's presentation was a reprise of his capstone project presentation. Max's presentation provided an overview of the UMMP program, the available river biomonitoring data and his internship work. He also provided some valuable recommendations for potential program improvements, such as: 1) moving the Bow Turkey River site to closer to the confluence with the Merrimack so that the impact of the impervious surfaces could be evaluated, 2) changing the program reference site to site 13 (Stirrup Iron brook) due to the lower impacts on this tributary, 3) test for conductivity at each site to evaluate salting impacts and 4) review E coli versus biomonitoring data. UMRAC thanked Max and wished him luck with his plans to study conservation at SNHU.

#### Winter Program

UMRLAC experienced a scheduling problem with the St Paul's School and the winter program is cancelled this year. We will have to start earlier for setting the schedule for next year.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Bug nights at the Saint Paul’s School are ongoing.

Projects

Craig Day (NH DES employee) was provided UMLAC’s comments on the Northern Pass permit application.

Miscellaneous

Adrienne will be the website reviewer for April and will compare notes with Ann (the March reviewer). NH DOT is considering a number of changes in what projects will be submitted to local river advisory committees for permit application reviews. In particular, they would like to greatly expand the projects that will be covered by Permit by Notification. The State’s Rivers Management Advisory Committee is considering NH DOT’s proposal to expand the use of permit by notification. UMLAC (Steve and Nita) will send a note Mrs. Ward of that committee to discuss our reservations on NH DOT’s proposal. In any case, the best management practices manual becomes even more important, if that becomes the standard for a greatly expanded class of permit by notifications. Eversource is providing grants for river restoration projects through NEIWPCC. UMLAC does not currently have a river restoration project on hand for the grant program. American Rivers selected the Merrimack for their list of the ten most endangered rivers. Essentially, the listing is based upon watershed development pressures. The Merrimack River Watershed Council is inviting organizations to meet and discuss the Merrimack River. Michele will circulate the invitation in case someone wants to attend. Matt Monahan of Central NH Planning Commission did a 45 minute presentation on their impervious surface report for Canterbury. Based on the quality of the presentation, other member communities should consider something similar.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Michele will follow up with prospective Concord UMLAC members. - Michele will circulate the Merrimack River Watershed Council invitation via email.
Steve	- Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC’s permit review guidelines. - Steve will talk to Ted Walsh about field verification of the YSI meter accuracy.
Anne and Adrienne	- Anne and Adrienne will compare notes on the UMLAC website.
Everyone	- Work with CNHRPC to present impervious surface write ups to the communities.
Gary Lynn	- Gary will prepare the April meeting minutes.
Rick	- Rick will follow up on Concord representation and Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer’s report, send the support payment to Friends of the Northern Rail Trail and consult with Michele on the Bow member expiration dates.
Nita and Steve	- Nita and Steve will work on comments to the State River’s Advisory Committee on the NH DOT permit by notification expansion.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary