



Boscawen
Bow
Canterbury
Concord
Franklin
Northfield

PO Box 3019 | Denacook, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2018
Merrimack County Nursing Home, Boscawen NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Gary Lemay (Concord), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Donna Liolis (Franklin), Ashley Warner (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), and Glenn Brown (Franklin).

Others present:

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 14, 2018 at the Baker Free Library in Bow.**

Membership

The following status of near term membership term expirations was discussed: Gary Lemay (3/18/2018), Adrienne (7/15/2018), Mike (7/15/2018), Anne (7/10/2018), Krista (5/25/2018) and Gary Lynn (5/25/2018). Michele confirmed that the members intend to participate for another term and encouraged them to fill out the nomination form on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Krista provided the Treasurer's report for April. She noted that the Eversource payment is overdue. Krista will contact Granite State Power (purchased the Eversource plant in Bow) to find out if they would like to replace Eversource as an adopt-a-site sponsor for the Bow reach of the river. Krista also reimbursed Michele for her payment of the UMRLAC non-profit insurance bill.

Guest Speaker

Maryalice Fischer will be a guest speaker on Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) certification at the May UMRLAC meeting in Bow. Ms. Watts, a DNA analysis researcher, and/or Devon will speak on DNA analysis uses for river investigations at the July or October meeting. Another possible activity is to tour the Suncook River restoration work.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

The Brownfields Advisory Committee is looking at some new sites. Two sites in Pittsfield will have Phase II Environmental Assessments completed and reuse plans will be developed for Woods Woolen Mill in Hillsborough and for the Allied Tannery in Boscawen. At a future meeting, Mike will provide more detail on the status of the Tannery.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve provided a summary of UMMP activities. UMMP has successfully completed 8 bug nights. All the sample sorting has been completed and identification of aquatic insects was started last week. Bug nights are on Wednesday nights, 6 to 9 PM at the St Paul's School. There will be three bug nights in April and 3 in May. Although the turnouts have been good, some of the samples may need to be sent to a lab for ID. Michele is working on the bug night contract with St Paul's for next year. Steve discussed the summer bacteria sampling program. Bacteria sampling days will be: June 7, June 21, July 16, July 26, August 9, and August 23. Adrienne will courier samples again; many thanks Adrienne. Rock baskets will be deployed at 16 sites again this year. Deployment is scheduled for July 12th and retrieval August 30th. Michele is prepping the kits and bottles for the next rock basket sampling event.

Projects

Gary Lemay indicated that FERC held a February 13th site visit of the Mad River dam in Campton that is being relicensed. Fish & Wildlife commented on the pre-application bypass reach flow study.

Gary filled out the Lowell dam relicensing request for information form and emailed the form to members for comment. The pre-application document for the Lowell dam relicensing is due by the end of April; UMRAC's interest is relicensing of this dam is solely fish passage.

The Wheelabrator Title V air permit was approved and no additional action or tracking is required. There were no projects to review; however, Michele noted that there is an April 12th meeting at 7 PM at the Franklin Savings Bank on the whitewater project. It is a chance to meet the engineering team that is going to design the project and to ask them questions.

Birckhead Lecture Series

Michele indicated that it is unlikely that UMRAC will be able to coordinate another Birckhead lecture series program at the St. Paul's School. The problem is related to increased security and a likely change in venue to an area with more difficult parking logistics. She suggested that UMRAC should explore other possible venues for our external programs. A number of venues were discussed (Franklin Auditorium, new Bow Library meeting space, Merrimack County Nursing Home, Kimball Jenkins Carriage House, West Street Ward House, SPNHF, NHTI class room, Boscawen Church Basement, etc). Michele will email the criteria for the space and solicit input from members.

Miscellaneous

UMRLAC is considering having an event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Rivers Management and Protection Program. One possibility is a paddling trip on the Merrimack. Members were invited to think about a potential paddling trip and trip logistics.

The website update was discussed. The conversion of the website to Word press software that is easier for UMRAC to maintain will cost about \$1,800 to \$2,000. The data map will be fixed as part of the update. The website revision team volunteers as Steve, Michele, Anne, and Wayne.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare April agenda.- Work on St Paul's School bug night contract.- Coordinate website update.
Steve, Wayne, Anne and Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work on website revisions with developer.
Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinate with the LIHI speaker.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes.
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review member term dates and submit nomination paperwork as appropriate.- Identify alternate venues for outside events.- Consider participation in a future paddling event.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.- Contact Granite State Power about adopt-a-site program.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.