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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Conference Call

Members present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Tom Gilmore (Boscawen), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury) and Mary Lee (Northfield)
Members absent: Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Ashley Warner (Northfield), Gary Lemay (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Donna Liolis (Franklin).
Others present:

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, after reading the Governor's Executive Order 2020-04 and his supporting memorandum on virtual meetings. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda (roll call unanimous vote). The next meeting will be another virtual meeting to be held on May 10, 2021.

Minutes

The March minutes and consent agenda were approved via roll call vote.

Membership

Michele noted that Gary and Krista's membership is valid until May, Adrienne until July, Gary LeMay until April and Jeffrey Perkins until October and that Rick Chormann's membership expired last October. Michele encouraged UMRLAC members to find potential Concord members to augment our existing representation.

Treasurer's Report

February and March Treasurer's reports were reviewed, approved and placed on file. Support payments came in from Boscawen, Bow, Franklin and Northfield. Only Concord and Canterbury support payments are outstanding. Adrienne and Anne will follow up on the Canterbury support payment and Michele will send them a copy of the invoice for reference. Michele will also send Gary Lemay a copy of the Concord invoice for him to follow up on. Krista noted the largest recent outlays: UMWA insurance, NH Rivers Council support payment and the Quickbooks license purchase reimbursements.

Brownfields Advisory Committee.

No update available.

FERC Update

No update available.

Guest Speaker

UMRLAC discussed potential future presentations. Michele indicated that she would follow up on obtaining a presenter to discuss the state’s wildlife action plan.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve discussed how to address the 2021 UMMP field season. He expressed the general concern that it wouldn’t be prudent to collect additional bio monitoring samples without a plan to address the existing backlog. He also was concerned that skipping the 2021 field season would miss valuable drought recovery data since there have been several relatively recent drought events. After some discussion, it was decided that it would make sense to explore creating a 2021 field season plan that would: 1) collect bacteria samples and 2) collect a reduced set of rock basket samples, say the original core sampling locations. Steve and Michele will solicit feedback from macro invertebrate experts, such as Andy Chapman and from Rithron, on the advantages and disadvantages of a reduced sampling season. Michele will follow up with Sharon McMillan on E coli sample analysis logistics.

Projects

Steve noted that work on the Fort Eddy Plaza invasive species removal project has started. Steve indicated that NH DES sent out requests for information on the Exit 17 round about project AOT and wetland permit applications. No response to the requests have been received to date. Also, EPA is permitting several small wastewater systems with a permit comment period ending May 10 (UMRLAC meeting day). UMRLAC reviewed the AOT permit application for the Ferry Road Solar Farm project in Bow. UMRLAC comments on the application will include: 1) why was the vernal pool survey completed in November instead of the spring and 2) the permit application indicates the project is not in the 100 year flood plain but the FEMA flood plain map that was provided appears to contradict this assertion.

UMWA Update

UMWA obtained a grant extension for the Turkey River restoration project. Progress on the overall project is being made including: 1) completion of a volunteer assessment training workshop, 2) online survey engagement progress, 3) phosphorus water quality goal setting, 4) technical memorandum completion and 5) collection of input from area DPWs on stormwater management priorities. UMWA will convene its regularly scheduled virtual meeting on April 13th to discuss the project.

Summary of Assignments

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare May UMLAC meeting agenda. - Send copy of Concord and Canterbury support payment invoices to appropriate UMRLAC representatives. - Follow up on the Wildlife Action Plan presentation idea. - Follow up with Sharon McMillan on bacteria sample analysis.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue efforts to address 2019 and 2020 UMMP samples. - Prepare Ferry Road solar project comments. - Follow up on reduced 2021 UMMP field season with Michele and experts.
Adrienne and Anne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on overdue Canterbury support payment.
Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to track the Brownfields Advisory Committee.

Gary	- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to track FERC licensing activities. - Send out a list of names and permit numbers of active FERC dam projects. - Draft generic letter on shorelands and wetlands permits. - Ask David Cedarholm about presenting on Concord's stormwater utility FS.
Krista	- Prepare Treasurer's report.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.