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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2013  
Town Hall, Northfield

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Madeline Mineau (Concord), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Rick Chormann (Concord), David Kirkpatrick (Bow) and Harry Anderson (Northfield) *Others Present:* Mr. Liolis and Frank Tupper

*Members absent:* Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), and Tucker Noack (Franklin)

*Others present:* Frank Tupper, Canterbury and Christie Liolis, 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 **June 10, 2013 in Boscawen at the town hall under the church.**

#### Treasurer's Report

Krista was sick and unable to attend the meeting so there was no Treasurer's report. Gary volunteered to drop off receipts and \$21 in UMRLAC donations to Krista. Franklin has not yet approved UMRLAC's budget request. There was a Friends of the Northern Rails Trail request for annual membership; the \$50 membership cost is in the 2013 budget and no vote was required for approval. The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail group recently received a grant that will allow the trail's expansion to the Center of Boscawen.

#### Membership

Madeline Mineau is an official member of UMRLAC now. The Concord City Clerk is working on Rick Chormann's reappointment. Michele indicated that Matt Cahillane, a bug night representative and Concord resident, is interested in joining UMRLAC. Frank Tupper indicated that he has a couple of potential candidates and possibly himself in mind for additional Canterbury representation. Frank will ask for feedback on his membership ideas from the Canterbury Selectboard. Robert Sharon was nominated by Franklin; Donna will check into this. Tucker is looking for a day job and may retire from UMRLAC if unsuccessful in his job search.

#### Guest Speaker/Winter Public Event

Michele discussed the results of the online survey that UMRLAC used to gauge reactions to our winter public event/guest speaker. The responses were generally very favorable and 15 out of the 71 attendees responded to the survey. There seems to be significant interest in historical and cultural topics. Madeline volunteered to look into a future topic related to river science; Nita thought a good topic might be the Civil War and the Merrimack. Our next public event will be winter or spring of next year. This year's event was very cost effective. The speaker cost \$200, food \$35.2 and donations of \$21 offset some of the costs.

### Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Bug nights continue with additional dates scheduled for May 22 and 29. Next year we will start earlier and schedule more dates. The bacteria sampling will start by the end of June and run every other Wednesday until September. Rock baskets will be deployed by the end of June and retrieved in August for this year's biomonitoring. Michele and Steve are looking for someone to take on Site 6, 8 and the bacteria sample courier positions.

### Rivers Council Report on Legislation

Michele provided an update on the various bills considered in this legislative session. HB 588 is a bill that will extend the minimum instream flow study period for the Souhegan and Lamprey Rivers. The minimum instream flow studies have been slowed by Pawtuckaway Lake water level issues and additional time is needed. HB 513 is a bill that will change the current Shoreland Protection Act. A floor amendment by Jeb Bradley makes it very difficult for DES to gain access to properties for enforcement of the Shoreland Protection Act. SB 124 concerns integrated environmental permitting. The bill restricts early scoping meetings to the regulatory agency and permit applicant. Integrated permitting would be a voluntary process for large projects. There is also a lot of back-and-forth on how much funding will be received by LCHIP. It is likely LCHIP will receive significantly less money than the revenue generated by its fee.

### Project Proposals, Permits and Complaints

There is an expedited wetland permit application for the Hess Law Offices building on Hall Street in Bow. The permit is for renovations to their existing concrete deck that extends over the river. It also covers a stormwater outfall that discharges directly into the Merrimack. The Bow Conservation Commission took no action on the application and it has moved onto the Planning Board. Questions were raised about the handling of stormwater and whether any of the stormwater could be infiltrated. The Concord Steam project alteration of terrain permit was also reviewed. UMLAC discussed whether the proposed intake from the Merrimack River has an adequate intake screen and whether eels would end up being sucked into the intake.

### Miscellaneous

- 1) Gary is the website reviewer for May. Dave is the website reviewer for June and is the new UMLAC Facebook page manager.
- 2) Gary will talk to John Warner of Fish and Wildlife about the PSNH dam relicensing habitat protection plan progress.
- 3) Michele is going to resend the Rivers Protection Program's survey to UMLAC members. Michele needs to compile the survey responses by Friday.
- 4) The Emerald Ash Borers have been in Concord ash trees along the Merrimack for about a year. Merrimack County firewood is quarantined.

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