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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2014  
Elkins Public Library, Canterbury

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), and Bill Dawson (Northfield)

*Members absent:* Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Madeline Mineau (Concord)

*Others Present:* Christy Liolis, Henry Fleury (Bow High School - job shadowing Michele), and Alan Larter

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 **June 9, 2014 in Concord.**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for April was circulated, approved, and placed on file. Michele noted that Franklin has requested a presentation on UMRAC's budget request. The presentation will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> and Nita, Wayne, and Donna will attend the meeting in Franklin. Municipal support payment requests will be mailed in July. Nita has handouts for the Franklin budget meeting. Friends of the Northern Rail Trail submitted a donation request. UMRAC voted to send them a check for \$50, which is the business support level and is the same as was provided by UMRAC in 2013. Michele and Steve discussed the monitoring program equipment needs. The spreadsheet summary of the equipment needs that was provided included rebar, sledgehammers, clipboards, forceps, spatulas, alcohol and replacement sieve buckets. Based on the estimate, UMRAC approved expenditures of up to \$2,200 for supplies.

Membership

Alan Larter from Northfield attended the meeting and is interested in potentially joining UMRAC. Alan is involved in the hydroelectric business (Granite State Hydro) and his addition would broaden the interests represented by UMRAC. The Mayor of Franklin indicated that he would gladly nominate Alan for membership. UMRAC and DES will send Dave and Tucker thank you notes for their service on the committee. UMRAC discussed whether we should amend the bylaws to allow an associate membership. Tucker might be interested in a membership of that nature so that he can stay involved.

### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

No new UMMP news beyond the approval of funds for supply purchases.

### Wild and Scenic River Designation

Michele hasn't prepared letters soliciting endorsements from UMLAC municipalities for Wild and Scenic River designation as of yet. Bill has a draft Northfield letter ready for Michele's review.

### Guest Speaker Topics

UMLAC discussed potential future guest speakers. Potential topics include: 1) changes that are being contemplated for the wetland permitting process (Mary Ann Tilton or Lori Sommer of NH DES), 2) dam operations (Alan Larter) or 3) Sewells Fall Bridge project update by NH DOT (Bill will contact potential speakers). Alan suggested that we could host an informational meeting at the Northfield train station property that he owns. Brian Sullivan is set for a future presentation on stormwater utilities.

### Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

There is a comment period for a proposed NPDES discharge permit modification for the Merrimack Station in Bow. This is related to their zero discharge flue gas desulfurization wastewater treatment system. Gary will discuss the permit modification with Jeff Andrews of NH DES. Based on his discussion with NH DES, UMLAC will decide whether it needs to comment on the permit modification.

### Miscellaneous

- 1) Steve will be the May website reviewer.
- 2) We are co-hosting the NH River Runners training that will be hosted at the Forest Society on June 23.
- 3) The Warner and Ham Rivers are being proposed for protected river designation next year.
- 4) Based on an article in the Hippo, there is a group called the Concord River Walk that is currently fundraising. Michele indicated that we should reach out to this group.
- 5) Michele is interested in obtaining earlier notice of projects in the river corridor. She indicated that Bow has a comment/site plan review electronic mailing list. She would like Gary and Krista to get on that electronic mailing list.

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