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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2016  
Northfield Town Offices, Northfield

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

*Members absent:* Donna Liolis (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Alan Larter (Franklin)

*Others Present:* Miranda Adams and Kirstin Nelson

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 13, 2016 in Boscawen**.

#### Membership

Boscawen nominated Thomas Gilmore for membership. Miranda and Kirstin are both from Concord and attended the meeting to evaluate potential membership in UMRLAC.

#### Treasurer's Report

The April Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and placed on file. UMRLAC will attend the City of Franklin budget hearing on June 13 to discuss the support payment and will request to be placed early in the budget hearing schedule due to the conflict with the monthly UMRLAC meeting. Nita will take the lead on the budget hearing for UMRLAC. The Exact Hosting's website bill was \$52 less than last billing cycle and Krista will pay the bill.

#### Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The UMMP Technical Information Team scheduled a meeting for June 9 at 3PM in Concord. Members of this team include Mike, Wayne, Anne, Gary Lemay, Steve, and Michele.

#### CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee

Mike discussed the CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee status. He indicated that contractors have been selected for the grant. The lead contractor will be Credere. Sanborn Head and Associates and Ransom are backup contractors.

## Projects

NH DOT responded to UMLAC's comments on their proposed I-393 equalization culvert work. NH DOT noted that they did not perform hydraulic calculations because the culvert has not had problems since its construction in 1978 and they consider the project a replacement in kind. They intend to line the culvert, however. This will narrow the culvert cross section; the smoother lining will probably pass as much stormwater as the old culvert. A relatively simple set of calculations should have been completed to demonstrate this. Additionally, the culvert is not currently flush with the ground. This is reportedly going to be fixed but it isn't clear how from the application. UMLAC decided to discuss these issues and Gary Lemay will draft a response.

FERC reviewed the relicensing application for the Eastman Falls dam. At the end of April FERC issued a ready for environmental assessment ruling. UMLAC can request intervenor status at this point in the process. Gary Lemay will send his letter requesting intervenor status to Michele and Michele will circulate it to UMLAC members.

## Miscellaneous

Adrienne and Anne provided Michele comments based on their website review. Steve completed UMLAC's permit review guidance. He will also evaluate the performance of our repaired multi-meter by comparing results with the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) meter when the VRAP program evaluates McQuesten Brook. The NH Charitable Foundation Annual meeting is June 2. UMLAC was invited to attend but based on cost will not attend. UMLAC discussed the Merrimack River Watershed May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in Lawrence. Based on the fact that the DES VRAP coordinator plans to attend, UMLAC will take a pass on the meeting. Michele will send a supportive regrets note. The Upper Merrimack Watershed Association nonprofit (UMWA) prospective members met after the meeting to discuss business. Officers, an annual budget, a mission statement, and bylaws all have to be developed. UMWA will meet June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in the Concord area; members will include Wayne, Gary Lemay, Nita, Steve, and Michele. Nita indicated that the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail is applying for a rail trail grant. She requested that UMLAC send in a letter of support. UMLAC agreed and requested that Nita draft a sample support letter for posting on UMLAC's listserve. The support letter deadline in May 25<sup>th</sup> and the grant application is due June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Michele will consider writing a letter to Ms. Ward on the NH DOT proposed expansion to their use of permit by notification.</li><li>- Michele will post the draft Friends of the Northern Rail Trail support letter and Gary Lemay's intervenor status letter on the list serve.</li><li>- UMLAC will send a regrets note to the Merrimack Watershed Council about their May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li></ul>
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Steve will test the program's multi-meter during the McQuesten brook evaluation.</li></ul>
Technical Information Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Meet</li></ul>
UMWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Meet</li></ul>
Gary Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Gary will prepare the April meeting minutes.</li></ul>
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Gary will send his Eastman Falls dam intervenor letter to Michele.</li><li>- Gary will draft a response to NH DOT's letter regarding the I-393 culvert project.</li></ul>

Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report, and pay the Exact Hosting's bill.
Nita	- Nita will draft a letter of support for the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail grant application. - Nita will take the lead on UMLAC's request for Franklin's support payment and the city's budget hearing.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary