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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2018
Bow Library, Bow 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), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin) and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Donna Liolis (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Ashley Warner (Northfield), and Glenn Brown (Franklin).

Others present: Mary Alice Fischer (LIHI)

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 11, 2018 at the Library in Canterbury.**

Membership

The following membership term expiration dates were discussed: Adrienne (7/15/2018), Mike (7/15/2018), Anne (6/10/2018) Nita (expired holdover status) and Glenn Brown (6/15/2018). Gary Lemay's nomination has been received. Bow is working on the renewals for Krista and Gary Lynn. Nita needs to prepare her application and send it to Franklin.

Treasurer's Report

Krista provided the Treasurer's report for May; it was reviewed and placed on file. Krista will continue to attempt to contact Granite State Power (purchased the Eversource plant in Bow) to find out if they would like to replace Eversource as an Adopt-a-River Site sponsor for the Bow reach of the river. Krista reimbursed Michele for miscellaneous incidental bug night related expenses (annual budgeted items). Krista paid an invoice from the website vendor and noted that an invoice came in from the storage company. Krista also received the annual request for support from the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (\$50). Krista will send the support payment and noted that the expenditure was in the annual budget.

Guest Speaker

Mary Alice Fisher gave an in depth presentation on the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI). LIHI provides highly sought after certificates to hydropower dams that are used to access the financially lucrative Renewable Energy credit market. LIHI reviews dams that are undergoing licensing and works with the dam operators/owners to determine whether a dam is low impact (based on 8 key criteria). As part of this process, eel passage and other modifications may be necessary to meet their low impact criteria. The LIHI process is strictly voluntary and there are currently 135 active LIHI certificates covering 215 power plants in 24 states.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No change in status.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Michele has not heard back from the St. Paul's School on next year's contract.

Steve provided a summary of UMMP activities. The E Coli sampling dates are fast approaching. The volunteers are all onboard with the exception of the sites normally handled by Eversource near the Garvin Falls dam. The final Bug Night was held and Steve will work with volunteers over the summer to process more of the samples. Rock basket dates are set for the 2019 biomonitoring season and the annual biomonitoring cycle will start up again.

Projects

Gary Lemay indicated that FERC granted the extension to the Penacook dam so that the licensing schedule for all three dams with the same owner mesh. The discussions for the licensing actions will start in the fall.

The NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen submitted an application for 3,272 new grave sites located on a 4 ½ acre parcel. This project will impact wetlands during the crossing of a small stream (917 sq ft of permanent impact and 1504 sq ft of temporary impacts). The parcel will be cleared and grubbed and an infiltration basin constructed. The VA does not pay mitigation fees so the wetland mitigation will be done onsite. UMLAC will provide the following comments: 1) demonstrate how the proposed culvert will maintain the stream geomorphology and 2) would the VA consider a full span bridge instead of the culvert? Steve will draft the letter by the May 15th deadline and will copy Ridge Mauck of the alteration of terrain program.

The Terrill Park redevelopment project in Concord was reviewed. UMLAC will provide the following comments by the May 16th deadline:

- 1) the map indicates the project is not in the 100 year flood plain, however, the project elevations indicate that it is. This discrepancy needs explanation.
- 2) the proposed multi use fields are under drained but the drain discharge location is not shown.
- 3) down shaded lighting would be preferred.
- 4) how will the proposed porous pavement be maintained?

Miscellaneous

By-law changes will be discussed at the October meeting with a vote on the changes during the November annual meeting. The possibility of a canoe trip to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Rivers program was discussed. Gary Lemay will propose something. It would be open to UMLAC members, their families and UMLAC alumni.

The website revisions are progressing. The website team has provided feedback to the developer and the navigation headers approach will be finalized to improve the ability to find information and navigate the website.

Summary of Assignments:

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| Michele | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare May 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. |
| Steve | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare project letters for Terrill Park and the Veteran's Cemetery. |
| Gary | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes. |
| Gary Lemay | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop proposal for canoe trip. |
| Krista | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report. Issue Friends of the Northern Rail Trail and storage company checks.- Contact Granite State Power about adopt-a-site program. |

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.