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## UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Conference Call

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Tom Gilmore (Boscawen), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury) and Mary Lee (Northfield)

*Members absent:* Krista Crowell (Bow), 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. The next meeting will be another virtual meeting to be held on **June 14, 2021**.

### Minutes and Meeting Date

The April minutes and consent agenda excluding item B were approved via roll call vote. Michele led a discussion on the next meeting and noted that the meeting will probably need to be in person, based on the likely expiration of the Governor's Executive Order. Michele requested that UMRLAC representatives help her find a meeting location with W-Fi and sufficient size to allow a socially distanced meeting. Michele will send an email with a template on desirable information on potential venues for UMRLACers to fill out. Steve will find out if DES will allow night meetings at their offices. Michele expressed concern on whether a June meeting quorum is possible under the circumstances and Gary indicated that he would be unable to attend the meeting in person due to vacation plans.

### Membership

Michele noted that the membership status is the same as last month and that Gary and Krista's membership is valid until May 25, 2021. Michele will send out a copy of the nomination form.

### Treasurer's Report

The April Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved and placed on file. Anne sent an email on the overdue Canterbury support payment and will call Kelly Short about the support payment status.

### Brownfields Advisory Committee.

No update available.

### FERC Update

No update available.

### Guest Speaker

Michele identified a guest speaker on the NH wildlife action plan, however, the speech will be postponed because the June meeting will be in person and it is desirable to keep the meeting size limited.

### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve indicated that no solution has been identified as yet on the bio-monitoring sample identification backlog and rock basket deployment issues. He indicated that he is leaning toward not deploying rock baskets this year. Michele followed up with Sharon McMillan on E coli sample analysis and was pleased to report that the Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility will pay for the sample analyses. UMMP will coordinate analyses with Lou Barinelli, Technical Director of the NH DPHS - PHL Water Analysis Lab. Bacteria sampling will definitely happen this year and Michele will set up and deliver the sampling kits.

### Projects

Steve noted that an underground storage tank permit application was received for the Apple Green Gas Station located on Route 3A in Concord just over the Bow town line. The permit application is for upgrading the existing piping and sumps and would take place in the existing paved portion of the property. UMLAC will not be submitting comments and will let the permit application reviewer know. A draft NPDES permit is available for review and comment by May 25th for under 1 MGD wastewater treatment facilities. In UMLAC's corridor this is limited to the Merrimack County Nursing Home. If members have comments or questions, they should be emailed to Michele or Steve by close of business on May 17th. Tom indicated that the Town of Boscawen is making progress on taking over the Walker Pond dam. A motion will need to be approved at town meeting in 2022 since a portion of the property being acquired is located in Webster. The town may enhance recreational opportunities at the pond.

### UMWA Update

The Turkey River restoration plan is proceeding and a draft plan will be available for review. Volunteers have completed a number of assessments and a CEI investigator recently went to a number of locations including at the St Paul's School. Existing culvert assessments are being reviewed to help identify needs and potential projects. The City of Concord is actively sharing information and input on problem areas that need to be addressed.

### Summary of Assignments

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prepare June UMLAC meeting agenda.</li><li>- Send no comment response to UST permit application.</li><li>- Send out a meeting venue information template email and identify a venue for the June meeting (UMLACers to provide input).</li><li>- Prepare and distribute bacteria sampling kits.</li></ul>
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Continue efforts to address 2019 and 2020 UMMP samples.</li><li>- Follow up on reduced 2021 UMMP field season with Michele and experts.</li><li>- Respond to draft NPDES permit, if comments are received from UMLACers.</li><li>- Find out if night meetings can be held at NHDES.</li></ul>
Adrienne and Anne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Follow up with Kelly Short on overdue Canterbury support payment.</li></ul>

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

*Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.*