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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2017
Bessie Rowell Community Center, Franklin NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (at large), Steve Landry (at large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Gary Lemay (Concord), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Glenn Brown (Franklin), and Alan Larter (Franklin).

Others present: Christie Liolis

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 **July 10, 2017 in Northfield.**

Membership

Concord is in the process of nominating Rick Chormann to serve another term but UMRLAC hasn't received notification of his appointment yet. Alan Larter's term expires in August. Donna's appointment is good until 2020. Nita is currently in holdover status.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for April and May were approved. The River Network membership has been paid as well as Boscawen Mini Storage. UMRLAC is now set up for online banking to allow for easier transfers from savings to checking; online banking also provides automatic alerts for spending transactions of more than \$500. UMRLAC received a nice thank you note from Friends of the Northern Rail Trail for our support payment.

Guest Speaker

Gary Lynn gave a presentation on the program he administers at NHDES. Gary is the Administrator of the MtBE Remediation Bureau. His bureau is funded by settlements from the State's MtBE litigation; it also will be administratively attached to the Groundwater and Drinking Water Trust Fund (Trust Fund) Advisory Commission. The Trust Fund will be used for drinking water related grants and loans and has \$277 million in assets obtained from the ExxonMobil MtBE trial. Gary described gasoline release prevention programs offered by his bureau including removal of underground gasoline storage tanks, motor vehicle recycling facility assistance and MtBE release investigation and cleanup.

Ideas for future guest speakers were discussed afterwards. Ideas included a presentation by Fish and Game on eels and anadromous fish (herrings and lampreys). Craig Tufts could come to a meeting to describe ongoing volunteer efforts to establish a Concord Merrimack River trail.

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No change in status.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve provided a summary of UMMP activities. The biomonitoring identification program (Bug Nights) was very successful this year. Over 7,000 aquatic insects were identified. "Report cards" grading and thanking Bug Night volunteers have been mailed. The rock baskets (sampling devices) were deployed on June 28th. The rock baskets will be retrieved on August 16. Additional rebar, alcohol, sledgehammers, and clipboards will have to be purchased for next year.

The bacteria sampling dates are in the consent agenda for this meeting. The bacteria sampling kits are being delivered on June 12 and 13th. Standards for the UMMP's YSI instrument will be purchased and Gary Lemay will be collecting field data at the sampling sites using the YSI.

Projects

Gary Lemay will discuss the Eastman Falls dam license report submission schedule at the next meeting.

Steve indicated that UMLAC's comments on the UST/AST permit applications (discussed in pervious meeting minutes) were responded to by the engineer that prepared the permit (Mark Antonia). The permit application for the asphalt plant is no longer within UMLAC's jurisdiction. The installation location was moved to across the road (> .25 miles from the river) to address fire code set back issues. The response to comments on the other permit application was thorough. Roy Creeley of Great Lakes Environmental even offered to come to a meeting for further explanation of the tank removal and installation process. Michele indicated that she is considering taking him up on his offer.

Miscellaneous

Michele asked the committee if it would like to co-host River Runners training. This training is provided by NHDES and teaches volunteers about identification of invasive species and how to report observed infestations. UMLAC voted to co-host the training and it will be held in the Baker Free Library in Bow. This is a worthwhile program, for example, a River Runner volunteer detected *Oenanthe javanica* (water celery) before it became widespread in a water body.

The project review process guidance document was briefly discussed. Representative Carolyn Mathews provided a comment related to legislation that was referenced. The consensus from UMLAC was to make this and other recommended edits and to finalize the document.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare June agenda.- Set up the River Runners co-hosted event.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinate bacteria sampling effort. Identify UMMP sampling supply needs and purchase required equipment.- Make edits and finalize the project review SOP.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use the YSI meter to verify its repair was successful.- Summarize the Eastman Fall license renewal schedule at the next meeting.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report- Reserve Baker Free Library for the River Runners training.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.