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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2018
Elkins Free Library, Canterbury NH

Members present: Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Gary Lemay (Concord), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Ashley Warner (Northfield) and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Mike Hansen (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), and Glenn Brown (Northfield).

The Vice Chair of UMRAC, Steve Landry, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Michele was at an aquatic nuisance species panel event. UMRAC voted to accept the consent agenda after removing the minutes from the agenda for discussion. The next meeting will be **July 9, 2018 in Concord.**

Minutes

The following corrections to the minutes were made: 1) the minutes needed to stress that bug nights are a collaboration between Steve and Michele with both participating and contributing significant time and effort to the success of the program, 2) Mary Alice is actually one word Maryalice, and 3) the assignment summary should have indicated June agenda preparation not May.

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 (6/19/2018). Krista and Gary Lynn renewed and were reappointed.

Treasurer's Report

Krista provided the Treasurer's report for June; it was reviewed and placed on file after noting that the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail donation was miss-categorized. Krista will correct this. Granite State Power (purchased the Eversource plant in Bow) and has not responded to attempts to contact them about adopt-a-site sponsorship. Alan Palmer, an UMMP program volunteer, works for the company and will be contacted. Wayne indicated that he was at the budget meeting in Franklin and he indicated that the meeting went well.

Bylaws

The bylaws need to be updated this year. The committee recommended that Michele post a working changes document to address provisions related to "at large" members, discuss changes on protocol changes related to the number of signatures on checks, discuss work related to tributaries and to address changes to the minimum number of members.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No change in status.

FERC Updates

The Lowell dam is in the early stages of permit application study planning. Gary Lemay noted that fish passage will be the key issue for the permitting of the Lowell dam. Gary discussed the Amoskeag dam also. Fish and Wildlife would like the weirs and ladders modified at the Amoskeag dam. The changes are sought to improve passage of shad and herring. The ladder was built for stronger swimmers like salmon. FERC agreed with the need for the modifications. This is a bigger issue now that the Lawrence dam passed 450,000 herring. The Hooksett dam will now need fish passage since the Amoskeag dam hit a milestone on fish passage.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The first round of *E. coli* sampling has been completed. All locations were successfully sampled and all locations met Class B standards. Thank you Adrienne for being the sample courier. There is an anomalously high bacteria result at the Pemigewasset sampling location. The UMMP program will follow up by tracking future results and potentially doing bracket sampling of the area. Rock basket samples are going to be retrieved soon.

Projects

The NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen submitted an alteration of terrain permit application to open another 4.5 acres of land for cemetery graves. Last month UMLAC reviewed the wetlands permit for this project. UMLAC will submit the following permit application comments: 1) why is the proposed road wider than the existing road (27 feet wide); a wider road creates more impervious surface and runoff, 2) the inspection of the stormwater BMPs should be seasonal, not annual, 3) wildlife friendly erosion control fabric should be used, 4) could more trees be left standing by making changes in grave density? and 5) the pipe inspection and cleaning SOP indicates that this will be performed by existing personnel – are the personnel trained and properly equipped to do this?

Amoskeag Realty submitted a wetlands permit application for an upgrade of its fire suppression system river intake and pipe (pipe size increase to 12 inches) and repair of their stormwater outlet erosion problem. The stormwater repair was the most problematic. The proposal is to remove 22 trees and install sheet piles and a green gabion system. UMLAC will suggest a vegetative solution with less damaging tree removal (trees help stabilize the bank). UMLAC is concerned about the use of the green gabions under the water line and the lack of a construction sequence description for the proposed work. UMLAC will be submitting comments.

The permit for the Terrill Park redevelopment project in Concord was approved. UMLAC received a response to our comments on the permit application. The response to our flood plain comment was confusing; Steve suggested that Mike Hansen might want to look over that response. The permit has been issued so further comments will not be productive.

The last project was for a sanitary sewer rehabilitation project for the City of Concord. The wetlands impact will be very minor and the erosion repairs are necessary. UMLAC will suggest the use of wildlife friendly erosion control matting and best practices to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Miscellaneous

Allison Watts will be a guest speaker in October speaking on the use of DNA analysis for river investigations. Adrienne and Gary Lemay will send out a survey monkey request to gauge interest in a river canoeing event. Probable dates are late June or early July.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare July agenda.- Work on St Paul's School bug night contract.- Develop a suggested by-law revision document.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare comment letters for the proposed projects for Terrill Park.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay and Adrienne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop proposal for canoe trip and solicit committee member input via Survey Monkey.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report. Correct donation glitch in the June report.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.