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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2014
Franklin City Hall, Franklin

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Krista Crowell (Bow), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Madeline Mineau (Concord), and Bill Dawson (Northfield)

Members absent: Rick Chormann (Concord)

Others Present: Christy Liolis, George Dzujna (Franklin City Councilman), and Brian Sullivan (City of Franklin)

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 **August 11, 2014 in Northfield.**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for June and July were circulated, approved, and placed on file. GZA is the latest adopt-a-site sponsor and UMRLAC received their sponsorship payment. Support payment invoices were sent out and Krista paid the annual website hosting fee.

Membership

Tom Walton in Concord and Matt Kaleen might be interested in UMRLAC membership and Steve will contact them. Krista knows a botanist that works for DRED and she will look into his interest. NH Department of Environmental Services sent a letter to Boscawen on July 1 on the upcoming expiration of Steve and Michele's membership in UMRLAC.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

E. coli (bacteria) data continues to be collected by UMRLAC and, similar to previous years, the *E. coli* levels jump after rainfalls. Canterbury is sharing the bacteria data town wide. Most of the rock baskets were deployed on July 1. There are two rock baskets that have not yet been deployed. Steve hopes to get them in this week. Members of the Technical Investigation Team stayed after the meeting to schedule a meeting. The team will discuss potential changes to the biomonitoring program.

Guest Speakers

Brian Sullivan gave a presentation on the Winnepesaukee River Basin program. His presentation outlined the history of the sixty-two mile interceptor pipe that collects the wastewater from the lakes region and conveys it to the treatment plant in Franklin. There are significant future expenses projected as being necessary to keep the treatment plant operational. In Brian's

opinion, it is likely that the operation will be converted to a regional authority from its current status as a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services run facility.

Gary found a point of contact for the Merrimack River Greenway trail people. Gary will contact them to see if they would be willing to discuss their proposed trail project at a UMLAC meeting. Alan Larter can also talk about hydro operations on the river as part of the August meeting.

Planning has started on developing an UMLAC program for the St. Paul's School lecture program. Michele suggested a talk on the deep history of the Merrimack River. This could discuss the geology, natural history, and colonial history of the Merrimack. Wayne will follow up with Rick Chormann on ideas for a speaker knowledgeable on this topic. The target date for the program would be February/March of 2015.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

Steve and Michele discussed the TF Moran response letter to the Executive Health and Sports Center alteration of terrain (AOT) permit application. TF Moran did not make any modifications to the proposal to address our comments. The sale of the Racquet Club property fell through and it is likely that the property will be auctioned off. The AOT permit will stay in place until its expiration date so a future owner could implement the proposal from Executive Health and Sports Center.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Gary indicated that he now receives electronic notifications of planning board agendas. Bill discussed his experience with the Northfield plan review process. Michele would like advance notice of proposals from all of the communities if possible. Anne indicated that the planning board agenda for Canterbury is distributed town wide.
- 2) The New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientist requested to borrow seven of UMLAC's microscopes. UMLAC voted to approve their use.
- 3) Michele completed and will send out soon letters to each community on Wild and Scenic River designation. Northfield has requested an informational session. The session will be held on August 12 at 6:30 PM. Michele hopes to line up Jamie Fosburg or Jim McCartney from Fish and Wildlife Service to help answer questions.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Michele will arrange for representatives to answer questions at the Northfield meeting on Wild and Scenic River designation - Michele will send out letters to communities on Wild and Scenic River designation. - Michele will poll for dates for a Technical Investigation Team meeting to discuss the UMLAC.
Steve	- Steve will contact several potential new members about their interest in joining UMLAC.
Gary	- Gary will contact the Merrimack River Greenway group to determine their interest in attending an UMLAC meeting.
Wayne	- Wayne will investigate potential geological speakers for the St Paul's School lecture series.
Technical Investigation Team	- The TAC committee will meet and discuss potential changes to the biomonitoring program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.