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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2015
Concord City Hall Annex

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Glen Brown (Northfield), Madeline Mineau (Concord), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Anne Dubois (Canterbury), and Anne Emerson (Canterbury)

Others Present: Adrienne Hutchinson (pending Canterbury member), Mike Hansen (pending Bow member)

Members absent: Donna Liolis (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Gary Lemay (Concord), Wayne Ives (Franklin), and Alan Larder (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 10, 2015 in Franklin**.

Membership

The August meeting will include an UMRLAC party in honor of our departing Canterbury members, Anne Emerson and Nancy Roy. They will be sorely missed. Adrienne and Mike Hansen will become official members in August. Glen Brown and Anne Dubois are new members this month. Michele solicited feedback from the new members on their official interests (conservation, agricultural, etc.). Glen and Anne Dubois will get back to Michele to confirm their official interests.

Establishment of a 501(c)(3)

Michele indicated that creation of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit would also require acquisition of liability insurance. Insurance will cost approximately \$550/year. Michele asked that everyone provide their suggestions for the names of the new nonprofit.

Treasurer's Report

The June Treasurer's report was reviewed and UMLAC voted to accept the report and put it on file. Elektrisola paid their adopt-a-site support payment for 2015. The City of Concord provided their 2015 support payment. Michele invoiced Nelson Analytical, the company that acquired Aquarian. Michele requested reimbursement for postage, a new cooler, and granola bars for volunteers. The committee voted to approve the granola bar reimbursement since the annual budget did not include this cost. Krista provided Michele with a check for \$152.31 after Michele provided the required receipts.

Wild and Scenic River

Michele will work with Donna and Nita to set up a meeting with the City of Franklin to discuss the next steps required for Wild and Scenic River designation.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve noted that all of the bacteria samples have been collected at the 11 sites. UMMP is half way through the bacteria monitoring season. There was a very high bacteria spike at the Sewalls Falls site. It appears as though there is a potential culvert problem and possible illicit connection to a stormwater system. Samples will be collected bracketing the potential trouble spot during dry weather to isolate the problem. Madeline will collect the follow up samples.

Rock basket deployment was tricky this year due to high river flows. The first night most rock baskets were not deployed. Michele and Steve will keep trying to get them all deployed. The rock baskets will be retrieved after 7 weeks. This is the 20th consecutive year of the biomonitoring program. The QA/QC assistance contract has been executed with Rhithron. UMLAC's YSI meter requires servicing. DES will attempt to fix it for the program.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

The permit for the Amoskeag project was issued by DES. Fish and amphibians will be relocated from the fire pond prior to backfilling and paving. DES has not acted on the after the fact permit application discussed at the previous meeting. Steve will inquire about the permit status. Steve is working on the Merrimack River DES Fact Sheet. Gary Lemay provided comments and Nita indicated that she is interested in providing Franklin history related comments. Steve is looking for Fact Sheet input prior to the close of business on July 24th.

Miscellaneous

Krista finished her June website review and found a broken link. Mike Hansen will be the July website reviewer. Madeline is working on a National Science Foundation funded study that seeks to evaluate the impact of salt on heavy metals in the Merrimack River watershed. Salt impacts on the river are highest during the summer because of the increased importance of groundwater base flow during dryer weather. The Northern Rail Trail signs are now at Hannah Dustin and UMLAC received a nice thank you note for our \$50 donation from them. The Rivers Council is sponsoring a very interesting presentation by Dr. John Fields titled "Why Do Rivers Do That?". The presentation will be at the PSNH building in Manchester. UMLAC will be sponsoring River Runner training on July 23 from 6:30 to 8:30.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Michele will follow up with the City of Franklin on Wild and Scenic River designation.
Steve	- Steve will continue to coordinate rock basket deployment. - Steve will coordinate revisions to UMLAC's permit review guidelines. - Steve will check on the status of the after the fact permit application.
Mike Hansen	- Website review.
Everyone	- Think of names for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit. - Provide feedback on the Merrimack River Fact Sheet.
Gary Lynn	- Gary will prepare the June meeting minutes.
Glen and Anne Dubois	- Choose official interest.
Madeline	- Collect samples to isolate bacteria problem near Sewalls Falls.
Rick	- Rick will follow up on Wild and Scenic River designation support in Concord.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report and review the website.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn, UMLAC Secretary