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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2016
Bow Municipal Building in Bow, NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Krista Crowell (Bow), Gary Lynn (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Gary Lemay (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen)

Members absent: Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Alan Larter (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 8, 2016 in Canterbury.**

Membership

Everyone's membership is current except Rick Chormann; his membership will expire on July 12. Michele will contact Rick to see if he will renew. Wayne's membership will expire at the end of September. Wayne will talk to Franklin about renewing his membership in UMRLAC.

Treasurer's Report

The June Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved, and placed on file. An UMMP expense reimbursement request for snacks and equipment was submitted (\$117.18). No approval vote was required since the items were within the approved budget.

Upper Merrimack River Monitoring Program (UMMP)

UMMP deployed rock baskets at 13 sites on June 30. An additional three sites were deployed by adopt-a-site sponsors (two by the Franklin Wastewater Treatment Plant and one by Elektrisola). All sixteen rock baskets have now been deployed. At each site, photos were taken and habitat assessment forms were filled out. August 25th is the planned retrieval date. Bacteria monitoring is proceeding; two events have been completed and four collection events remain. So far, bacteria levels have been very low (meeting swimming standards). The dry weather is likely to be in large part responsible for the low bacteria counts. Steve hopes to test UMMP's multi-meter on July 19 to verify its accuracy.

The Technical Information Team will be meeting this Thursday at 4:30 PM. The tentative meeting location is the DES building on Hazen Drive in Concord. The group will consider the purchase of instream data logging instruments. These instruments can be left in the river over the summer and used to measure temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc., over time. Simple devices can cost hundreds more complex devices up to \$18K. Gary Lemay has completed some background research on the devices and will discuss his findings.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee

Mike discussed the CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee status. He indicated that the Allied Leather Tannery in Boscawen might enroll in the program. The Tannery project could use petroleum brownfields funding based on the presence of an underground storage tank.

Projects

Brookford Farm in Canterbury submitted a wetlands agricultural application to do ditch maintenance. The permit is needed to address field drainage issues. UMLAC will prepare a letter requesting clarification of their plans and the location of the ditches.

The New Hampshire DOT Bow Brook 60-inch culvert project permit has been approved. No additional action is required.

The proposed Shoreland Protection rule change that would eliminate the provision of plans by DES to Local Advisory Committees is likely to be stricken from the proposed rules. This change would have conflicted with statute. The public hearing on the rules is scheduled for August 1st. Michele will draft a letter confirming the importance of keeping the existing provisions (permit applications provided by DES not just notification).

The Franklin Wastewater Treatment Plant will be seeking a NPDES permit renewal. The permit application will be considered during the August meeting. The comment period on the permit application ends August 11th.

UMLAC mailed a letter requesting intervenor status on the Eastman Falls dam relicensing project. The 15 day period to object has elapsed so it is likely that UMLAC will be granted intervenor status.

Miscellaneous

UMWA (the Upper Merrimack River non-profit) will be meeting at the Bow library the Wednesday following the UMLAC meeting.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Write and send letter to DES on the Shoreland Protection rule making. - Contact Rick Chormann on membership renewal.
Steve	- Test the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program's multi-meter. - Prepare a letter requesting more information on the planned wetlands project at Brookfield Farm
Technical Information Team	- Meet
UMWA	- Meet
Wayne Ives	- Membership renewal.
Krista	- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.