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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2019
Baker Free Library, Bow NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Gary Lemay (Concord), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Mike Hansen (Bow), Mary Lee (Northfield), and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (At Large), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Ashley Warner (Northfield).

Others present: Christy Liolis

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda minus the minutes (limited discussion required). The next meeting will be **August 12, 2019 in Canterbury.**

Minutes

The April meeting minutes were approved with the following minor corrections: 1) under the UMMP section first paragraph, the Rhithron results were transferred to the UMMP program instead of Steve, 2) second paragraph "intend intends" should be intends, 3) second paragraph, the second to the last sentence, "s" should be summer and 4) the last sentence on page two Michela should be Michele.

Membership

Wayne's term is expiring on 9/30/2019. Wayne will work on the re-nomination paper work. In accordance with the recently enacted legislation, the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) will handle Wayne's nomination and confirmation process. All existing members will also be re-nominated (automatically) for the remainder of their terms. This ensures that UMRLAC members will not be subject to the financial disclosure and fine requirements that are currently in effect.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Issues

The Treasurer's report for June needs corrections and will be considered next month. Krista noted that the savings account has been closed and the balance transferred to the checking account. When the UMWA account is established, Krista will transfer funds from the checking account to the new UMWA account. Michele supplied receipts for UMMP expenses; Krista will reimburse Michele for the cost of the postage and supplies. Krista will also pay the State of NH DHHS lab for the bacteria sample analysis costs.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No update available because Mike attended UMLAC's June meeting instead of the concurrent Brownfields Advisory Committee meeting. Mike will update UMLAC when the June 10th meeting minutes for the Brownfields Advisory Committee become available.

FERC Licensing

Gary Lemay indicated that FERC changed several license names to Granite Shore Power to reflect the sale of the PSNH hydropower facilities.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The first bacteria samples were collected two weeks before the July UMLAC meeting. The E. coli levels for all 11 sites were below the designated swim beach standard of 88. Samples will be collected again on 7/9. Michele is the bacteria sample courier this year. Rock basket deployment will be on August 14 (4:30 PM start time). Retrieval of the rock baskets will take place on October 2. The later start date means that the macro-invertebrates (bugs) will be larger in size this year, adding a little bit of change to the identification work.

UMWA (non-profit associated with UMLAC) Update

UMWA intends to apply for additional grants (604B and Grass Roots Environmental Fund) for the Turkey River restoration project. If the additional grant monies are obtained, UMWA will be able to increase the budget for the consulting firm by shifting portions of the budget for Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) to the new grants. Gary Lemay will prepare the Grass Roots Environmental Fund grant application and Michele will team with CNHRPC on the 604B grant application. The grants applications will be submitted in September. This timing should not present a problem since the existing 319 non-point source grant deadline will be extended to address the late start that resulted from the federal government shutdown earlier this year. It was also noted that the Turkey River restoration project timing is good in that there are ongoing Master Plan updates for towns in the Turkey River watershed. CNHRPC is developing suggested language to add to the Master Plans.

Guest Speakers

The presentation by John McGee (NH Fish and Game) was very well received. Michele requested input into future topics and will prepare an online poll to rank potential topics. Some of the suggested topics are: 1) the bug night training presentation, 2) the PFAS problem and the PFAS water quality standard, 3) microplastics, 4) the new wetland rules, and 5) water life cycle.

Projects and Comment Periods

Gary Lemay drafted a generic response letter for expedited alteration of terrain permit application reviews. Wayne and Michele will review the draft letter and after they provide input, Gary will draft the other generic response letters. The polished letters will then be provided to UMLAC members for comment and consideration at a future meeting. Note: Wayne provided a preferred email address at the meeting for receipt of correspondence.

UMLAC received a response from Gove Environmental to our wetlands permit application comments for the project at the Exit 17 Interchange. The letter included a puzzling request for private resolution of outstanding questions, essentially bypassing the normal public records process. UMLAC strongly believes in a transparent, on the record permitting process and

voted to continue to provide copies of correspondence to all relevant parties, including NH DES. UMLAC will prepare a response seeking additional clarification on flood plain elevations for Burnham Brook. Although Gove's response provided an explanation of an existing flood plain elevation, it did not provide a discussion of whether the project will cause significant changes to the Burnham Brook flood plain.

An application for an underground storage tank (UST) replacement project was reviewed. The project seeks to replace an existing 10,000 gallon UST with a 6,000-gallon super-unleaded tank at the Manchester Street Sunoco station in Concord. The tank is in the flood plain. Michele will draft a letter seeking more information on plans for the disposal of contaminated soil and water, if encountered, and an explanation of why the tank is being replaced and not the other nearby tanks. If a satisfactory response is provided, UMLAC agreed that Michele could quickly signal to Aranco that UMLAC concurs with proceeding with the project.

Miscellaneous

Ruth Ward would like to be re-nominated to the RMAC as the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) representative and would like a support email from UMLAC and each of the LACs. Michele noted that Ruth is a State Senator and has been very active and supportive of the RMAC. UMLAC unanimously voted to endorse her re-nomination. Also, the New Hampshire Rivers Council sent a thank you note for UMLAC's financial support.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare letter on the Aranco UST replacement project. - Prepare an online survey for ranking guest speaker ideas. - Review the draft AOT generic response letter. - Respond to Gove Environmental's Exit 17 project letter. - Prepare the 304b grant application for the Turkey River restoration project (Note: WMWA activity).
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate ongoing bacteria monitoring and future rock basket deployment with Michele and volunteers.
Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to track Brownfields Advisory Committee. - Provide language on the Burnham Brook flood plain issue.
Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the draft AOT generic response letter. - Work on re-nomination application.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to track FERC licensing activities. - Prepare a Grass Roots Environmental Fund grant application (UMWA). - Draft generic letters for AOT, shorelands, and wetlands permits.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report and correct the June report. - Reimburse Michele for UMMP program expenses, continue to pursue the establishment of the UMWA accounts and requisite transfer of funds.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.