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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2021 Northfield Town Hall, Northfield

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

Members absent: Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Gary Lemay (Concord) and Donna Liolis (Franklin).

Others present:

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. The next meeting will be held on **August 9, 2021 in Bow.**

Consent Agenda Approval

The June minutes and consent agenda were approved unanimously with the a minutes correction (the deletion of the cut and paste typo - 2007 on the last page, Tom assignment). The August meeting will be held in Bow and the September meeting will be held in Boscawen. Bow Town Hall is reserved for the August meeting and Krista will look into whether the more convenient library location is available now. Tom will obtain a Boscawen meeting locations that can accommodate a socially distanced meeting.

Membership

Gary and Krista's membership has been renewed and is valid until 2024. Gary Lemay's appointment expired in April and he is currently on paternity leave; UMRLAC hopes that he will renew in the future. Jeff Perkins' membership will expire in October. Anne's appointment is good until March 2022; Tom's is good until May 2022 and Wayne's is current until October 2022.

Treasurer's Report

The June Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved and placed on file. Krista noted that she resolved the Boscawen self storage rental late notice. There will be no late payment fee and the storage fee is paid for the year (\$360). Krista sent a \$50 donation to the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (annual donation campaign). Franklin paid their support payment. Canterbury is still behind and Anne will contact the Conservation Commission chair. Michele will send the July Canterbury invoice requesting both payments and clarifying that the invoice is for two years, if payment is not received before the annual invoice cycle begins this July.

Brownfields Advisory Committee.

Gary Lynn replaced Mike on the brownfields advisory committee. He noted that the next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for late summer or early fall and that CNRPC is applying for an additional grant.

FERC Update

No update available.

Guest Speaker

Michele invited Mike Marchand to give a lecture on the Natural Heritage Inventory process. His presentation will include a joint zoom session with PRLAC and CRLAC to provide him with a broader audience. Michele will invite NH DES wetlands and AOT permit reviewers to present at a future meeting. Steve will ask Ben Lundsted, Manchester's Environmental Permit Coordinator, to give his perspective as a guest speaker on wetland and AOT permit applications as well as stormwater issues.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve indicated that there would be no E Coli sample collection this year. UMMP is still planning to collect bio samples by kick netting the two reference locations and the Turkey River site. Michele has been corresponding with the Saint Paul's School and it is looking promising that bug nights can take place in 2022. Steve indicated that the biomonitoring backlog is likely to be 16 samples from last year, 3 from this year and an assortment of partially finished identifications from previous years. It will be a busy 2022 bug night season, if UMMP is given the green light by Saint Paul's.

Projects

Steve noted that NHDOT provided copies of the Natural Heritage Inventory pages that were cutoff, as requested for the Stickney Avenue surplus property submission. Additionally, the Rivers Coordinator explained that RMAC box was not checked off on the application because the surplus site was more than 250 from the river. No more action by UMLAC is required.

UMLAC reviewed the VHB response to UMLAC comments on the Exit 17 roundabout construction AOT permit application. UMLAC will respond to reinforce our preference for down shaded, dark skies compliant lighting, the need to inspect the existing graveled swale for impacts of the additional stormwater flow and the desirability of using native plant species. The existing plantings do not optimize the use of native plants and will require substantial long term maintenance.

UMLAC River Management Plan

Michele discussed updating the existing UMLAC river management plan. Following a discussion of options, it was decided that UMLAC would file a letter of intent with the regional planning commission to apply for 604b grant funding assistance for the plan update. This type of grant is restricted to regional planning commissions. Michele will contact Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC Executive Director, about the grant/letter of intent. Steve indicated that the letter of intent is due September 17, NHDES will decide on funding awards in October and the full grant proposal and budget will be due January or February of next year. G&C approval of the grant funding would likely be in April 2022. Michele strongly recommended that all UMLACers review the 18 page plan so that the scope of regional planning commission assistance can be discussed.

UMWA Update

The Turkey River restoration plan will be finalized and then presented to interested parties via an August 25th, 5 to 7 PM zoom call.

Summary of Assignments

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare August UMLAC meeting agenda. - Contact Mike Tardiff (CNHRPC) to discuss submission of a letter of intent to apply for a 604b grant for river management plan update assistance. - Identify NHDES speakers on wetlands/AOT permit reviews. - Prepare July municipal support invoices (Canterbury may be for 2 years).
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - .Prepare comments on the VHB response to UMLAC's Exit 17 AOT application comments. - Organize two reference and Turkey river site bio sampling via kick netting.
Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read the September 2007 river management plan and help plan regional planning update assistance scope.
Anne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on Canterbury support payment with the Conservation Commission Chair.
Tom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find a meeting place in Boscawen for the September meeting.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare minutes. - Track the Brownfields Advisory Committee.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to track FERC licensing activities. - Send out a list of names and permit numbers of active FERC dam projects. - Draft generic letter on shorelands and wetlands permits. - Ask David Cedarholm about presenting on Concord's stormwater utility FS.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare Treasurer's report. - Look into reserving the Bow library for the August meeting.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.