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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2014
Northfield Train Station, Northfield

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: Alan Larter, prospective member and Christy Liolis

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 **October 20, 2014 in Boscawen.**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for August was circulated, approved, and placed on file. Michele was reimbursed \$1,045.95 for her UMMP supply purchases. All municipal support payments have been made except Bow and Concord. Michele indicated that it would be desirable to have a data tool to help with posting UMRLAC data on our website. She believes Yellahoose can create this tool for the website for less than \$400. UMRLAC approved up to \$400 for the data tool.

Membership

Alan Larter is interested in becoming a representative for Franklin. Michele will send him a nomination form. Steve will ask Tom Walton and Matt Cahilaine if they are interested in becoming Concord representatives. Michele and Steve will be re-nominated by Boscawen.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

E coli (bacteria) data continues to be collected by UMRLAC; all results met swim beach standards during the latest round. All samples at all locations have been collected to date.

Steve will set a new target rocket basket retrieval date. This is a little more complicated than usual because the rock baskets were put in at different times due to issues with water levels. The rock baskets must be in the water at least 7 weeks to allow colonization to occur. Tentative retrieval dates are 8/26, 8/27, 8/28, or 8/30.

Guest Speakers

Before the meeting, Alan Larter provided an excellent tour of his hydro-electricity generation facility in Northfield. UMLAC gained an appreciation for the logistics and difficulties inherent in operating this type of facility.

UMLAC discussed potential speakers for the St. Paul's School lecture series. Wayne completed some research and suggested that Richard Moore (USGS) could do a very good talk on the geology of the Merrimack River basin. Michele indicated that Michael Caduto was highly recommended as a speaker by the Lamprey River LAC. He is a respected author living in Vermont. Mr. Caduto will need to be reimbursed for mileage (estimated at \$376). UMLAC voted for a \$500 budget for mileage reimbursement and refreshments for the lecture at the St. Paul's School. Michele will ask Mr. Caduto for possible dates for the presentation. A presentation by Dr. Moore would also be desirable and Wayne will ask him whether he would give a presentation at an UMLAC meeting.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

UMLAC reviewed the PSNH G146 transmission line upgrade project wetland permit applications. There were two permit applications but two identical plans were submitted, probably in error. UMLAC had questions about how the slope will be re-vegetated after construction of a 12 foot road (a steep 3 to 1 slope is involved). We were also interested in how the culvert was designed and will ask if it was designed to meet New Hampshire's stream crossing rules.

Miscellaneous

- 1) The Boscawen Wild and Scenic River public hearing will be scheduled for October. The National Parks Service will attend. Northfield will hold a Wild and Scenic River informational session on Tuesday August 26th at 6:30 PM at a Selectboard meeting. UMLAC hasn't heard back from the other municipalities.
- 2) Michele will add articles completed by Gary and Bill to our website.
- 3) Friends of the Northern Rail Trail posted UMLAC information on their website. This group supports Wild and Scenic River designation for the River.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Michele will coordinate with Mr. Caduto about presenting at the St. Paul's School.- Michele/Steve will prepare a comment letter on the PSNH permit application.- Michele will send the UMLAC nomination form to Alan Larter.- Michele will coordinate with Yellahoose about the data tool.
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Steve will coordinate a TAC meeting to discuss the UMMP program.- Steve will coordinate UMMP rock basket retrieval.- Steve will contact several potential new members about their interest in joining UMLAC.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gary will contact the Merrimack River Greenway group to determine their interest in attending an UMLAC meeting.
Wayne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wayne will call Dr. Moore about speaking at an UMLAC meeting.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Krista will prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

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