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### UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2017

The Theatre, Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH

*Members present:* Krista Crowell (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Steve Landry (At-Large), Gary Lemay (Concord), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Michele Tremblay (At-Large)

*Others Present:* None

*Members absent:* Glenn Brown (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Alan Larter (Franklin), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Gary Lynn (Bow)

The Chair of Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC), Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda, with an initial motion by Nita and a second by Tom. The next meeting will be **October 16, 2017 at the Bow Town Library**.

#### Membership (Agenda Item)

Alan Larter's term expires in August, Nita Tomaszewski and Rick Chormann are in holdover status while their renewals are processed. All other members are current with their appointment terms.

#### Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item 5)

Krista presented the August Treasurer's report and the committee voted to accept the report and put it on file. Eversource and Boscawen are currently unpaid. Krista is expecting payment soon from Eversource. Tom will check on the status of the Boscawen payment.

Steve requested reimbursement for the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP) rock basket clipboards and sledgehammer, which UMRLAC accepted.

Krista made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Nita. The motion passed unanimously.

#### River Runners

Krista discussed the River Runners workshop that UMRLAC hosted in Bow on July 17. Light refreshments were provided. The training went well and was well attended.

#### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve reviewed the UMMP bacteria sampling results. Noted there was 100% sampling efficiency this year. He mentioned there was a labeling issue with Site #7. Overall, the early August sampling results looked good. Steve and Michele noted that the Souhegan and Lower Merrimack Rivers typically experience much higher levels (counts in the thousands) typically, so

while it's not clear why Site #6 was higher than normal, it is not out of the ordinary for some rivers in NH.

Michele mentioned that there will be rock basket retrieval occurring on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday, August 16.

Michele mentioned that bug night preparations are beginning. UMMP will be getting the bug identification papers redone as the old ones have outlived their useful life. UMLAC will host an 'assembly line' night to re-assemble the new booklets.

#### Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) Brownfields Advisory Committee

Mike Hansen was not present at the meeting, but passed along information to Michele that there were no new developments from last month.

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Licensing Update

Gary Lemay said that there were no updates to the Eastman Falls project or any other FERC licensing projects that UMLAC may be interested in. Gary will also look to find someone that may be interested to speak about the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) certification process for the November meeting.

#### Warner River Nomination

Michele mentioned that the Warner River nomination process is going well, and there was a positive meeting recently. The nomination will go before the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) on 8/28. RMAC will then provide a recommendation to DES on whether to include the Warner River in the state's program.

#### Project Review

Steve led the project review.

The group started with the Kalgren wetlands permit application. Steve noted that the permit was approved on 8/10/2017 by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) even though they had given UMLAC until 8/14/2017 to submit comments on the permit. Michele will send an email on 8/15 summarizing UMLAC's comments. Michele also noted that NHDES cannot rescind the permit approval.

UMLAC reviewed the wetlands permit for the City of Concord's Portsmouth Street work. The group was happy with the plans and post-construction monitoring. Michele will send a letter responding that UMLAC has no comments at this time.

UMLAC reviewed the Concord herbicide permit application. Michele will summarize the group comments in a letter. The intent was to apply a herbicide to kill the Japanese knotweed growing in two locations near the river.

UMLAC reviewed the Franklin Whitewater proposal. There were many questions about the specifics, including what flows were being studied, what hydraulic changes may result from this proposed work, and if there would be any impacts to aquatic habitat or fish passage. Tom made a motion, seconded by Adrienne, to have Michele send a letter summarizing UMLAC comments by Friday 8/18. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nobody had reviewed the letter on the Eversource NPDES permit application.

Miscellaneous

Michele mentioned that the Forest Society is working with a group to produce a documentary on the Merrimack River. Michele went on a canoe tour with the group and got some film on the river. Michele will keep the group in the loop if there are any additional developments.

Roy Creley is coming to the October UMLAC meeting to present on Underground Storage Tanks (USTs).

UMLAC is looking for a potential guest speaker for the December meeting regarding fish passage. Gary will also look into seeing if there is someone he may know that is interested in presenting.

Michele mentioned that NHDES has a new commissioner, and that UMLAC typically sends a welcome letter to new NHDES commissioners. The group agreed this would be a good idea, which Michele agreed to do on behalf of UMLAC.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Prepare October agenda - Send letters summarizing UMLAC comments on the projects UMLAC reviewed (Canterbury wetlands, Concord wetlands, Concord herbicide, Franklin whitewater)
Krista	- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report
Gary	- Look for someone to speak at the November meeting regarding LIHI certification and at the December meeting regarding fish passage

*Minutes submitted by Gary Lemay.*