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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2018
City Council Chambers, City Hall/Opera House, Franklin, NH

Members present: Krista Crowell (Bow), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Steve Landry (At-Large), Gary Lemay (Concord), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Michele Tremblay (At-Large)

Others Present: Christie Liolis

Members absent: Rick Chormann (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), Gary Lynn (Bow), Ashley Warner (Northfield)

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 Tom and a second by Anne. The next meeting will be **October 15, 2018 in Northfield.**

Minutes

The meeting minutes from July 2018 were approved. Michele then covered the action items from the July 2018 meeting minutes.

Membership

Nita Tomaszewski is in holdover status and plans to seek re-nomination. All other members are current with their appointment terms.

Treasurer's Report

Krista presented the August Treasurer's report and the committee voted to accept the report and put it on file. Invoices were sent out recently to site sponsors and municipalities; all but a small number have been paid already.

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

Bylaw Review

Michele reviewed several proposed comments on the UMRLAC bylaws to bring it into compliance with regulation changes. Michele will draft changes and circulate them to the group for review upon request. Adrienne and Wayne agreed to review the proposed changes in conjunction with Michele, after which the combined comments will be sent to the full Committee for review. Draft revisions will be presented at the October meeting with a vote planned during the November annual meeting.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee

Mike Hansen, the UMLAC representative on the CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee, provided a written status update to the Committee, indicating which sites are progressing to the next stages of design. CNHRPC requires annual re-nominations to the Brownfields Advisory Committee, meaning UMLAC must re-nominate a member every year. Tom nominated to re-appoint Mike Hansen, seconded by Adrienne. The group voted unanimously to re-nominate Mike to the Brownfields Advisory Committee.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Licensing Update

Gary Lemay said that there were no major updates to the Eastman Falls project or any other FERC licensing projects that UMLAC may be interested in. UMLAC received a copy of the Pre-Application Document (PAD) on the Mine Falls Project in Nashua, NH on the Nashua River. The committee agreed to have Michele and Gary respond back to the licensee (City of Nashua) and indicate that UMLAC has no comments at this point and does not intend to engage in the Mine Falls relicensing efforts.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Michele provided an update on the annual contract with St. Paul's School to continue Bug Nights on the campus, and indicated it is in progress. Michele indicated it may be good in future years to begin exploring alternative locations or contingency plans in case St. Paul's does not want to continue hosting Bug Nights. It would be hard to replicate the setup at St. Paul's, as it is ideal for Bug Nights.

Michele also noted that Franklin has continued to investigate the high bacteria counts at Site 1 on the Pemigewasset River. There appears to be a remnant cross-connection just upstream of Site 1 where a grease plug in a manhole was causing a manhole to fill and then drain into a pipe crossing the manhole. The pipe had been disconnected from the storm system but still drained to the river, preventing the manhole from overflowing. It appears that a local business may not be trapping their grease properly, possibly through a failed grease trap. Michele will keep the group informed as the source is tracked down.

Steve noted that rock basket retrieval will occur on August 30. Site 17 will be skipped as it was totally dried out during deployment. Krista, Gary Lemay, Anne, Steve, and Michele will be participating in the August 30 retrieval effort.

Canoe Trip and RMPP 30th Anniversary

The group agreed to postpone the canoe trip until next year due to injuries to multiple members that would like to participate. It will instead be a 29th anniversary celebration of UMLAC. We will instead plan to bring a cake to the November annual meeting to celebrate the Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP) 30th anniversary. Gary Lemay will get a cake (or cakes) with the UMLAC and RMPP logos printed on them. The group would prefer the light, fluffy frosting instead of the dense, sugary frosting that some cakes have, even though Gary Lemay was skeptical of their frosting preferences.

Krista made a motion to approve up to \$150 for refreshments for the November annual meeting, which was seconded by Tom. Motion passed unanimously. Michele will also invite DES representatives to attend to join UMLAC in their celebration.

Website

Michele noted that Yellahoose is looking for higher-resolution photos for the redesigned website, though she wasn't sure why that was necessary to proceed. Gary Lemay offered some

of the photos from fall 2017 for higher resolution, though they may not be scenic enough for inclusion.

Project Review

Michele opened project review by asking if the group would like to establish criteria for categorical exclusions on some projects. The purpose would be to allow UMLAC to respond more promptly to projects that the group would clearly not have an interest in commenting on, such as the DHHS testing protocols that were sent to the group to review in August, or projects such as the Mine Falls licensing that are far outside of the group's interest area. The intent would be to establish executive committee to respond to certain categorical exclusions, where upon agreement by the executive committee the Chair would be able to respond in-between meetings. This would also help reduce the project workload during monthly meetings, as the full committee would not have to deliberate projects that may not be relevant to their interests. The Chair would, as always, provide a copy of any response to the full committee. The plan will be to discuss this further at the October meeting, at which time Michele will present draft wording.

Michele looked into the Veteran's Cemetery snow disposal concerns that the committee had in July by contacting the UNH Stormwater Center. The representative from the Stormwater Center mentioned that it appears that disposing of snow on top of stormwater BMPs does not appear to reduce the BMPs' effectiveness. Steve will draft a response letter to other questions on the Veteran's Cemetery relative to the stream crossing sizing.

There were not comments on the land application permit, though the committee agreed that Michele should send a letter indicating that UMLAC would have preferred to see a copy of the permit application rather than the issued permit so that they may submit comments before the permit is final.

Miscellaneous

Wayne will confirm that Alison Watts is still on for presenting at the October meeting in Northfield.

The meeting ended at 8:40, with a motion to close the meeting made by Anne and seconded by Tom, which passed unanimously.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	- Prepare October agenda - Work with Adrienne and Wayne to circulate bylaw revisions for the committee in the October meeting - Develop draft language for an executive committee that will respond to categorically-excluded projects
Krista	- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report
Gary Lemay	- Purchase a screen-printed cake with the UMLAC and RMPP logos for the November meeting
Wayne	- Confirm Alison Watts will be presenting in October

Minutes submitted by Gary Lemay.