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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2019
Elkins Public Library, Canterbury NH

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

Members absent: Krista Crowell (Bow), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (At Large), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Ashley Warner (Northfield).

Others present: Christie Liolis

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda minus item B (the next meeting is in Concord not Canterbury). The next meeting will be **October 21, 2019 in Concord**.

Minutes

The July minutes were approved as part of the consent agenda.

Membership

The RMAC sent out reappointment letters via email to existing members.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Issues

The Treasurer's report for June (corrected) and July were approved and placed on file. The UMWA account checkbooks were received and Gary agreed to drop them off at Krista's house. Michele explained that she had to switch the server used by UMRLAC for its website. Exact Hosting deleted our list serves and indicated that our services agreement did not include list serves. Michele recovered the lists and switched to Yellohoose. The switch resulted in slightly higher expenses so UMRLAC voted and approved an increase in our website hosting budget from \$150/year to \$180/year.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

No update available.

FERC Licensing

Dam safety reports were filed but Homeland Security protocol prevents viewing of them.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The four rounds of bacteria samples have been collected at 100% of the sites. The *E. coli* levels for all 11 sites met the designated swim beach standard. The low results confirm that the past cross connection elimination work in Franklin was successful. The last bacteria sample will be

collected in September. A courier is needed for the *E. coli* samples next 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. Gary Lynn volunteered to help deploy rock baskets.

UMWA (non-profit associated with UMLAC) Update

UMWA will be submitting a 501c(3) grant application to NH DES in the near future for the Turkey River restoration project. UMWA is now registered for the Grassroots Environment Fund grants. Grassroots's grow grant application deadline is September 15 and UMLAC will attempt to prepare a grant application for that deadline. The CEI assistance contract needs more funding and the contract cannot be finalized until the additional funding becomes available.

Guest Speakers

Michele summarized the results of the online survey of speaker topics. The top three topics were: 1) micro plastics, 2) Bug Night training, and 3) PFOAs. Steve and/or Michele will ask Sharon McMillan (Franklin Wastewater Treatment Plant Director) if she can speak on micro plastics. If they can't identify a micro plastics speaker, the next presentation will be the bug night introductory training. Michele will ask someone from Pennichuck Water Service Corporation if he can speak on the PFOA problem in NH.

Projects and Comment Periods

Gary Lemay drafted a generic response letter for expedited alteration of terrain permit application reviews. Wayne reviewed the draft letter and provided input. Gary Lemay sent the draft letter to Michele before the meeting. After Michele has a chance to look at the draft letter, it will be posted on the website for UMLAC comment and consideration at the October meeting.

Aranco successfully addressed UMLAC's comments on their application for an underground storage tank (UST) replacement project. Their response was later corrected to indicate that the tanks that are not going to be replaced were installed in 1987, not 1997.

UMLAC's Exit 17 project correspondence was addressed by Gove Environmental. UMLAC elected to address the remaining issue on flood plain modeling during AOT permitting.

The Canterbury Highway Department submitted wetlands permit applications for the replacement in kind of two road culverts. The application indicated that one culvert was 18" and one 24". A picture in the application showed a 12" culvert half full of sediment. UMLAC will issue a comment letter requesting: 1) verification of the culvert sizes since the picture indicated a 12" not an 18" culvert, 2) verification of the proper size and alignment of the culverts to prevent sedimentation problems in the future and 3) a comment that upsizing culverts is likely to have ecological benefits.

Miscellaneous

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Invite Sharon McMillan to speak on micro plastics.- Invite Pennichuck contact for PFOA guest speaking engagement.- Submit the 501c(3) grant application for the Turkey River restoration project (Note: WMWA activity).- Post draft generic categorical exclusion letter.
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Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate ongoing bacteria monitoring and future rock basket deployment with Michele and volunteers. - Prepare letter on Canterbury culvert wetlands permit application.
Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to track Brownfields Advisory Committee.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare minutes. - Volunteer for rock basket deployment.
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.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.