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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2010
Concord City Hall

Members present: Gary Lynn (Bow), Tucker Noack (Franklin), Krista Crowell (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Harry Anderson (Northfield)

Members absent: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Robert Sharon (Franklin), and Alan Bartlett (Concord)

Others present: Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin Resident) and Donna Liolis (Franklin Resident)

The Secretary of UMRAC, Gary Lynn, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. UMRAC voted to accept the consent agenda after discussing the correction of the spelling of Nita's name in last month's minutes (correct spelling is above). **The October 18th meeting will be in Franklin.**

Treasurer's Report

Krista provided the August Treasurer's report and UMRAC voted to accept the report and place it on file. Krista indicated that only one refund for the bug ball was required and that the City of Franklin paid their support payment in full. Krista will be depositing Franklin's check soon. Rick has not talked to Alan Bartlett recently but intends to.

Membership

Donna and Nita from Franklin are still interested in UMRAC membership. They have received letters supporting their membership from the City of Franklin (signed by Ken Merrifield).

Buffer Protection Study

The buffer protection study has been finalized and the UMRAC representatives are scheduling meetings with the member municipalities/CNHRPC to present the findings and the report. Bill Dawson was unable to attend today's UMRAC meeting because he is in Northfield discussing the buffer study. Tucker and the planning commission will present the buffer study to the City of Franklin on September 22.

FERC Relicensing

Gary briefly reviewed the latest information from FERC on the PSNH dam relicensing process. The most recent event was the issuance of an order modifying and approving the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The SMP is very important because it includes measures to protect the shoreline from development, improve portage facilities in Bow and to protect bald eagle habitat. There are many other provisions of the SMP and it is desirable to be aware of its provisions.

20th Anniversary Planning

The anniversary celebration was briefly discussed. The photo contest has been postponed to November. Everyone is encouraged to advertise the photo contest.

Wild and Scenic River

Rick Chormann indicated that the Concord Conservation Commission would sponsor a meeting with the City Council in November and probably hold a public hearing in December.

Permits and Proposals

UMRLAC reviewed permit applications from NH DOT for a culvert repair and from Prolerized New England for paving a portion of their property. The NH DOT permit is for the repair of a culvert in Franklin (Route 3 south of the intersection with Route 127). The culvert caused a very large amount of erosion. The repair will primarily consist of filling and stabilizing the eroded area. UMRLAC provided comments to DES via email after the meeting on the two key points discussed during the meeting. First of all, UMRLAC noted that there needs to be a better inspection program in place to identify and address this type of culvert problem before a catastrophic failure. Significant savings and environmental benefits could be achieved by addressing culvert problems much earlier than was done in this case. The second comment was that there was little detail in the permit application on how NH DOT intends to prevent a similar failure in the future at this culvert. The repaired culvert will need a way to dissipate the water velocity and resultant erosive force.

The Prolerized permit application was submitted for paving and stormwater upgrades for their 25 Sandquist Street in Concord recycling facility. UMRLAC's comment was that it would be desirable to have a written maintenance schedule for the stormwater management system. Rick also noted that Concord's Conservation Commission requested that the riverbank at the facility be improved. UMRLAC's comments were communicated directly to the DES permit reviewer by telephone after the meeting because of the upcoming permitting deadlines.

Nobis provided a response to UMRLAC's comments on the Penacook Family Physicians permit application for redevelopment of the former Allied Leather Property. The letter explained that the project elected to avoid infiltration of stormwater on the site because of: 1) the high water table and 2) the property's past industrial usages and concerns about settlement if any leather shavings that may be present decompose. Nobis also indicated that partial filling of the vernal pool is necessary based on the number of parking spots required by the City of Concord and site grading issues. UMRLAC decided that Nobis' comments sufficiently justified their design decisions and we will not provide additional comments on the application.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Tucker Noack will be the website reviewer for August.
- 2) Krista suggested that the buffer study should be put on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn