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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2018
DES Offices, Concord NH

Members present: Gary Lynn (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Mike Hansen (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord) and Thomas Gilmore (Boscawen).

Members absent: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Krista Crowell (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Ashley Warner (Northfield), Gary Lemay (Concord), Anne Dowling (Canterbury) and Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin).

The Secretary of UMRLAC, Gary Lynn, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda with an amendment that noted that the annual meeting is in November. The next meeting will be **October 15, 2018 in Northfield.**

Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved.

Membership

No changes in membership status.

Treasurer's Report

Krista was unable to attend; no Treasurer's report.

Bylaws

UMRLAC discussed the need to update the bylaws and noted that the proposed revisions are posted to the website. No additional revisions were recommended but there was a general consensus that the proposed revisions are necessary to make sure the bylaws are consistent with current practices on banking, etc.

CNHRPC Brownfields Advisory Committee (Mike Hansen)

Mike briefed UMRLAC on the August 23rd Brownfields Advisory Committee meeting. There are four existing projects which are located in Boscawen, Bradford, Hillsborough and Pittsfield. All of the existing projects have completed some environmental studies and the Hillsborough and Pittsfield projects have progressed to economic development plans. The brownfields program selected new consultants to lead the current effort and they are working with the committee to identify additional sites. Candidates include China Mill (Allenstown), a Bradford gas station, South Main Trailways property (Concord) and Associated Electric (Hillsborough). Suggestions for additional sites are welcome.

FERC Updates

The current comment period for the Lakeport hydroelectric dam re-licensing was discussed. This comment period addresses the decision to proceed with the traditional re-licensing process.

There is an additional two-month period to comment on other aspects of the re-licensing process according to Gary LeMay (post meeting communication). No action is necessary at this point in time, since the traditional licensing process is acceptable to UMLAC.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

To be discussed at the October meeting.

Projects

The State's Division of Pesticide Control submitted information on the City of Concord's proposed application of herbicide to control Knotweed in several locations along the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers. Approximately 1 acre will be treated but most of the area that will be treated is beyond the 40 foot distance to the river that triggers a setback easement permit. The proposed permit will have conditions that require the applicator to direct the treatment away from the river and restricts the herbicide to Rodeo within the river setback. UMLAC believes that comments should be provided to request that the permit specifies that application should not occur when it is windy or when rain is likely to occur during or shortly after application. UMLAC would like to minimize problems with herbicide drift or runoff.

A response to UMLAC's comments on the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen AOT application was received. UMLAC did not recommend additional correspondence related to the response.

PCC Structurals, Inc. located on Granite Street in Northfield has a draft NPDES permit undergoing a comment period. The permit would restrict the temperature of their one pass cooling water to less than 90 degrees F and impose conditions on the maintenance of the intake structure (minimization of fish impingement and intake of aquatic organisms). Additional requirements impose water quality and temperature monitoring provisions. Based on the limited discharge flow relative to the minimum instream flow of the Winnepesaukee River, the temperature impact should be de minimus and the decision was made to forego commenting on the permit.

EPA has a general permit for hydro facilities available for comment. UMLAC did not have any comments on the general permit.

Wayne Ives led a discussion on the proposed minimum instream flow rules. Wayne noted that the July 26, 2018 draft of the rules is undergoing legal section review and that a revised version of the rules will be issued within a number of weeks. DES is providing opportunity for input to a rivers and lakes management subcommittee and entities such as UMLAC prior to the development of an initial proposed rule for the Water Council. Wayne hopes to have the rules finished by December or January but notes that rulemaking can take much longer than he expects. Essentially, the rules establish a process for the prioritization of rivers receiving minimum instream flow protection and create a framework for implementation of the rule requirements. Wayne's briefing was very comprehensive and no comments were developed during the meeting; however, Steve, Michele and Gary Lemay have stronger technical backgrounds relevant to this rule making and it was noted that they may have suggestions/comments on the rules.

Miscellaneous

Allison Watts has been confirmed as the guest speaker in October.

Summary of Assignments:

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare October agenda.- Work on St Paul's School Bug Night contract.- Present the final by-law revision document for consideration.
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare minutes.
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Look over the Lakeport Hydro re-licensing documents.
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prepare the monthly Treasurer's report.

Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.