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Present: Steve Landry (At Large), Barbara Griffin (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Audra Klumb (Canterbury), Mike Hansen (Bow), Wayne Ives (Franklin)

Absent: Claire Lund (Concord), Dave Pollak (Northfield)

Others Present: Lea Cole (Boscawen Resident)

Michele opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Krista motioned to remove item A from the consent agenda for discussion, seconded by Barbara, motion passed. Krista noted the AI generated summary from the second half of November 2025 had some issues requiring additional commas and attributions of commentary. January requires a spelling name change, and other additions discussed last month, but needs to be voted on. Krista moved to accept the minutes for November, December, January, and February as amended, Mike seconded, motion passed.

Michele welcomed all and led the committee in introductions, then reviewed action items from the March meeting summary.

Membership updates and recruitment: Wayne's appointment to UMR LAC is expired, and he has submitted his nomination paperwork to the city of Franklin. The end of Barbara's current term is upcoming in December. Ted has stepped down and decided not to seek reappointment. Michele and Steve's terms have expired in March; both expressed their willingness to continue for another term if desired. Krista moved to ask Michele and Steve to submit their renomination paperwork for reappointment, Barbara seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ideas for presentations topics, presenters, and tours: Steve asked the committee if a solar array would be of potential interest; Mike Hansen agreed to reach out to the City of Concord to potentially tour the capped landfill/stormwater management with a solar array which is nearing installation completion.

LAC-related legislation: Michele explained that the days of hard copies are moving to a close, so all should be prepared to often receive only digital copies as the legislation no longer requires them. Michele explained that hard copies can be requested, but they do not have to comply. The committee discussed the potential use of a projector which may help in viewing large, detailed plans when reviewing applications with only digital files. AOT permits will be the first to completely adopt this change, the others should likely follow suit.

Brownfields Advisory Committee hasn't met, and there are no updates.

Upper Merrimack River Management Plan: Barbara updated the committee re: ongoing work inputting revised corridor management plan data into an excel document. The committee discussed that the narrative CMP will continue to exist, however the spreadsheet will supplement the narrative with an easy-to-update "action" guidance document containing measurable goals in specified timeframes.

FERC updates were provided by Mike Hansen, including Penacook upper falls, lower falls, and Rolfe Canal, and can be viewed in detail at <https://www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee/other-documents/>

Permit Review: An email response to Commerce Dr. Franklin application comments was received and forwarded to committee members on April 6th with typographical errors acknowledged and intent for future applications noted. The conversation also touched on the challenges of enforcing after-the-fact work regulations and the role of municipalities in monitoring such activities as well as dust control in sand-and-gravel sites, including the use of calcium chloride, which can

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contribute to water quality issues.

Other News:

Steve was extremely excited to report that Bug Night enthusiasts are moving through samples at an unheard-of pace: quickly and efficiently working in small groups to accomplish sorting and classifying.

Michele reported on a successful "What Lies Beneath" campfire event hosted by the New Hampshire Rivers Council, which featured live animals and experts discussing winter wildlife, and announced the New Hampshire Rivers Council's annual meeting is upcoming on June 16th in Concord, focusing on drought conditions. She encouraged attendees to register at nhrivers.org.

Members shared watershed updates, including observations of wildlife and upcoming events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Summary of Assignments

Michele	Prepare May UMLAC meeting agenda. Upload February and April FERC comments/document when they become available to website. Send reappointment documents and instructions to secretary for signature and submission
Steve	
Mike	Track FERC relicensing activities
Barbara	Track Brownfields Advisory Committee activities, should they resume.
Claire	Continue work to revise categorical response letters to incorporate rule revisions
Adrienne	Prepare April meeting minutes. Sign and submit completed reappointment documents to DES, once received.
Wayne	Further research light pollution topic for a future presentation. Prepare to take review lead for May meeting.
Dave	Look into potential tour of upstream Dam in Franklin; contact within corps of engineers?
All	Membership outreach and potential presenters. Review example plan chapter in excel format once email server is working- provide feedback Review Document: UMLAC UMR draft goals objectives activities 2.9.26-come prepared to discuss in June Prepare for early meeting at Franklin WWTP tour 6pm on May 11 th , followed by truncated meeting.