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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2012
Boscawen Town Offices

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), and Harry Anderson (Northfield),

Members absent: Rick Chormann (Concord), Robert Sharon (Franklin), Tucker Noack (Franklin), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), and David Kirkpatrick (Bow)

Others Present: Mr. Liolis

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The next meeting will be in Bow on either **September 10 or October 15, 2012**. The decision to hold a September meeting will be based on whether there are time critical permits to review. Krista will reserve both days. The next meeting will be in Franklin and Watts Regulator has volunteered to host that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Steve provided Krista with receipts for his UMMP and River Runner meeting food related purchases. Krista will reimburse Steve in accordance with previous UMRLAC budget approvals. Krista noted that the following municipal support and adopt-a-site payments were received: Town of Boscawen, Cities of Concord and Franklin, Franklin Waste Water Treatment Facility, Essex Hydro, Franklin Savings Bank, Webster Valve, Elektrisola and Aquarian. Michele noted that there are six new sites that could be adopted and that she will be looking for adopt-a-site ideas at the next meeting. The Treasurer's report was approved and placed on file.

Membership

Tucker was reappointed to UMRLAC membership. Tucker spoke to Michele and let her know that he has been changed to the night shift and would have trouble making meetings. UMRLAC discussed Tucker's situation and Michele will get back to him that the committee would like him to continue as a member and understands about him missing meetings. Michele noted that Bob Sharon's appointment is up in May and Donna will find out about whether he wants to be reappointed. Donna indicated that Bob has been having health issues. Dave's appointment is up in November and the appointments for Donna and Nita are current until October 2012.

CNHRPC

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) will be giving presentations to each of the planning boards on their most recent work supporting UMLAC's river management plan. Presentations are scheduled for Boscawen (October 9?), Bow (September 20), Canterbury (August 28), Concord (unknown – Michele to ask Rick), Franklin (August 22) and Northfield (completed on August 6). Michele and Steve would like feedback on the presentations from UMLAC members. UMLAC members sponsoring the presentations should introduce the CNHRPC speakers to their planning boards and provide a brief description of what UMLAC does. Michele will get a copy of the presentation handouts distributed to UMLAC.

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission's submission of UMLAC's proposal for a 604b grant made the screening cut. The proposal will enable the completion of an impervious surface survey of each of the UMLAC towns and cities. The proposed grant cost would be \$16,500.

Project Proposals, Permits, and Complaints

PSNH is expanding the high power transmission line in Bow that runs along the railroad corridor from the Merrimack Station to Garvin Falls. Although the permanent impact to wetlands is very small, the temporary impact is huge at 164,000 sq ft. A significant amount of forested wetlands will be converted to scrub shrub wetlands along this 2.7-mile long corridor during the project. This is an existing corridor that will need to be widened to accommodate another set of poles. There were some pottery shards and a projectile point found during the archeological survey. Swamp mats will be used to protect these areas of archeological significance. UMLAC will prepare a comment letter and it will include, at a minimum, a request for a better definition of the seed mix that will be used to re-vegetate the property; the proposal merely indicates an appropriate seed mix. Steve will prepare the comment letter. PSNH needs \$164K of wetlands mitigation projects to offset the impacts from the widening of the transmission line. UMLAC was approached by GZA for project ideas. Michele mentioned the Boscawen rope swing erosion site and during the meeting, the erosion near the access road to the Canterbury landfill parcel was mentioned (Note: the landfill proposal was defeated). Nancy will look into whether the erosion problem near the Canterbury parcel is still dumping large amounts of sediment into the river.

Steve and Michele discussed a recent dumping complaint that impacted the Turkey River and caused a localized fish kill. Apparently, raw sewage was pumped by a contractor from a catch basin into the Turkey River. DES was notified of this illegal discharge and immediately stopped it. It is unclear whether the contractor was working for the town on the sewer/water project or Grappone Toyota. Michele requested that the Bow representatives find out more on the release.

Nobis responded to UMLAC's comments on the Grappone Toyota dock project. This project is a permit by notification and, strictly speaking, Grappone could have ignored our comments. Grappone indicated that they would remove the dock during the winter and would re-vegetate the riverbank with native species. Grappone is currently working on the dock and the footings have been poured.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Gary is the website reviewer for August.
- 2) Anne's husband is or was in the hospital. UMLAC will send a note.
- 3) Steve noted that UMMP bacteria sampling is going really well and that 100% of the samples have been collected.
- 4) Donna noted that the Webster Lake loon census was disappointing, three adults, and no chicks. They are concerned that high water levels in the spring ruined nesting sites. Floating nest sites is being considered for the lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn