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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2012
Canterbury, Elkins Library

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

Members absent: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), David Kirkpatrick (Bow), Robert Sharon (Franklin) and Tucker Noack (Franklin)

Others Present: Christie Liolis and Madeleine Mineau

The Vice Chair of UMRLAC, Steve Landry, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The Concord meeting will be held on January 14th.

Annual Meeting

UMRLAC held its annual meeting. The existing officers were reelected to serve an additional term. No changes to the bylaws were recommended. Several UMRLACers expressed an interest in obtaining a copy of the bylaws. Steve indicated that he would add the bylaws to the website.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for October and November were approved and placed on file. PSNH paid for both outstanding Adopt-a-River Site years. The only outstanding Adopt-a-River Site payment is Checkmate (one year). Krista called and talked to Checkmate about the Adopt-a-River Site program. Krista will also help Michele prepare a budget for next year.

Membership

Madeleine Mineau submitted an application to join UMRLAC; her application will be taken up by City Council in their next meeting, hopefully. Rick Chormann volunteered to help track the next step in the process.

Guest Speaker Meeting

Krista reviewed the NH Humanities Council document for potential speaker ideas. Bill suggested that he could do something from the NH Cooperative Extension Services Speaking for Wildlife program, for example, NH wild history or NH natural communities. David Carroll's name was mentioned. He wrote the Swamp Walkers Journal and other books about nature. There was a suggestion to do something like the Wild & Scenic Rivers Festival. Rick Chormann suggested documentaries such as Chasing Ice or Switch. The movie Freshwaters Illustrated would be worth seeing also. If something like Chasing Ice was put on at Red River, Cameron Lake, the UNH glacial geologist, could lead a discussion afterwards. Steve suggested that we look into the length of the documentaries and find out if they are suitable.

Project Proposals, Permits and Complaints

Steve verified that all of the Planning Board presentations have been completed. He noted that members should forward CNHRPC's final report on to the Planning Boards that Vanessa sent out via email on 11/26/2012. Vanessa left CNHRPC after completion of the report. Michele sent a letter to CNHRPC thanking her for helping us and UMLAC voted to approve sending her one of UMLAC's signature tote bags. Gary discussed the relicensing of the PSNH dam on the Pemi. He noted that eel passage was one of the big issues and that the application did not have any recommendations for projects (one of the requirements for the application). The decision was made that Gary should contact the Pemi LAC to see whether they want to become interveners or need assistance. The Concord Steam alteration of terrain application has been resubmitted. It is substantially the same application as before but was put on a new application form. On July 14, 2012, Concord Steam responded to our comments from the original submission. Steve will contact VHB to see if the application contains any changes. Finally, Steve talked about the Mojalaki golf course application to reroute a small stream and deepen their irrigation pond. DES forwarded UMLAC's comment letter on the Mojalaki project noting that they had similar comments and requesting a response. DES noted in their letter on the project that DES doesn't usually allow rerouting of a stream and asking whether deepening the pond alone could provide the needed water storage capacity.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Bill is the website reviewer for December. Gary reviewed the website for November and recommended a number of changes. Michele is working with Yellahoose to update the website. The updates should be completed by the end of the year.
- 2) March 29, 2013 will be the 30th anniversary of the New Hampshire Rivers Council. As part of the celebrations, they will sponsor another Wild & Scenic Rivers Film Festival.
- 3) Steve discussed the New Hampshire Rivers Council's annual fund letter. The decision was made to bring up whether to provide an annual donation to the Rivers Council next month since we donated in January last year.
- 4) Bill suggested that we add a discussion of the river management plan to the agenda for next meeting.
- 5) Nita discussed concerns about an unnamed stream in Franklin located about half a mile from the Boscawen Franklin town line. She indicated that it flows year round and that it appears to be impacted. Nita will give Steve the relevant culvert number and he will follow up or talk to DES about the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn