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UMRLAC, PO Box 3019, Boscawen, NH 03303

UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2011
Franklin City Hall

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Rick Chormann (Concord), and Tucker Noack (Franklin)

Others Present: Mr. Liolis and Natalie McCormick (Army Corps of Engineers)

Members absent: Krista Crowell (Bow), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), David Kirkpatrick (Bow), and Robert Sharon (Franklin)

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 Northfield on **January 9, 2012**.

Treasurer's Report

Krista was unable to attend and there was no treasurer's report this month. Michele noted that Canterbury, Franklin, and Northfield provided their support payment. Michele also commented that Concord sent in a check on August 6, 2010 but the check has not cleared. This missing check appears to be the explanation for Concord's missing support payment.

Membership

Nancy and Anne sent in their paper work to the Town of Canterbury for renewal of their membership on the committee. Rick Chormann continues to discuss UMRLAC membership at the Conservation Commission meetings. Michele asked him to suggest Johanna Nugent or Josh Robinson as potential UMRLAC members. Donna indicated that she had discussed membership with a friend and that she may have a lead on a potential member. Steve Winnett's name also came up. Steve is Laura Knoy's husband, works at EPA and is member of the Concord Crew Club.

Guest Speakers

Natalie McCormick was the guest speaker and provided an interesting history of the Army Corps of Engineers and the flood control projects in New Hampshire. There are five flood control dams and 50 billion gallons of flood storage capacity. It is estimated that \$1 billion in flood damage was prevented during Hurricane Irene. Natalie noted that the full flood storage capacity of the dams has never been utilized. The closest to full storage occurred in 1953 when 75% of the storage capacity was used. It was very interesting to learn about Army Corps of Engineer programs and to meet one of their local employees.

The next speaker will be David Stewart Smith. He is a native American Historian (recently on NPR speaking on immigration to NH). He will give us a presentation on native Americans in New Hampshire.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

The Bug Nights schedule is not yet set. The Saint Paul's School has decided to locate us on the first floor of the newly constructed science building. The UMMP gear has been loaded on a pallet and has been moved to the new building. Steve and Michele will get together and set the bug night schedule soon.

Proposals and Permits

UMRLAC received a response to our comments on the Storage Direct of Bow Project. The response was problematic in a number of ways including the discussion of the previous system's failure (the washout occurred in 2008 but will not be repaired until sometime in 2012). UMRLAC will send additional comments on the proposal. The Oakland Development project in Boscawen has been rejected by DES. The developer failed to respond to DES comments.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Nita enjoyed the website and did not find any needed corrections. Nancy will be the website reviewer for December.
- 2) Donna provided baklava again and she definitely has the secret to flaky and not too syrupy, honey kissed pastry.
- 3) Nancy discussed the sale of the sold farm in Canterbury to a Biodynamic Farm. She is excited about the potential of the new farm. She also indicated that Hurricane Irene completely washed out the access road to what would have been the Concord Coop landfill in Canterbury.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn