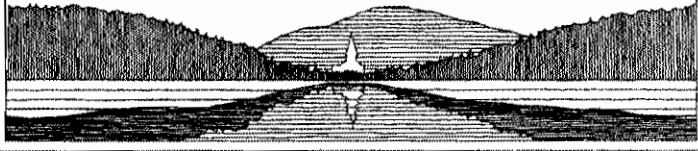


Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee



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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2008 Boscawen Town Offices; Boscawen, NH

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Alan Bartlett (Concord), and Tucker Noack (Franklin)

Members absent: Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Robert Wyatt (Concord), Bill Dawson (Northfield), and Rick Chormann (Concord)

Other present: Matt Monahan and Craig Tufts (both from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission)

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. After members reviewed the consent portion of the agenda, UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. **The November 10th meeting will be in Bow.** The December 8 meeting will be held in Canterbury.

Treasurer's Report

The August and September Treasurer's reports were submitted, reviewed, approved, and placed on file. Franklin and Concord have provided their support payments. Payments are still pending from Boscawen, Bow, and Canterbury. Checkmate sent in their adopt-a-site payment and Aries' payment is still pending. Krista needs to upgrade her version of the QuickBooks accounting software. UMRLAC's current version of QuickBooks is not compatible with her Windows' Vista operating system. UMRLAC authorized the expenditure of up to \$350 to upgrade the QuickBooks software. UMRLAC also approved a payment of \$100 to the New Hampshire Rivers Council. Michele abstained from that vote because she is on the Rivers Council. Krista will pay for our Volunteer Monitor membership, the Rivers Council support payment, and \$50 for a five-year renewal of our domain name.

Membership

Alan will talk to a friend of his that is a Canterbury farmer about participation in UMRLAC. Michele will discuss UMRLAC membership with Kelly Short of the New Hampshire Rivers Association. Brian Sullivan has been nominated as an UMRLAC member by the DES Commissioner.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve needed to attend a meeting on the Suncook River and stopped by briefly to set up for the meeting and to deliver a detailed email update on UMMP. Steve noted in his email that UMMP

volunteers collected 100% of the scheduled bacteria samples this year. All UMMP sites were well below Class B standards for all sampling events this summer.

The bug night schedule is not finalized and will be discussed at the next meeting. The bug night flyer this year will be patterned off of the Christian Science Monitor (i.e., the Crustacean Science Monitor).

The stereoscopes haven't been sent out for repair yet. Steve indicated that he found the scope with the dim bulb but is still looking for the out of focus scope. He anticipates that the scopes will be sent out for repair in the near future.

Steve indicated in his email that he contacted EcoAnalysts and confirmed that he could use the existing contractor templates for the retrospective report. He will input the data into the templates and obtain an updated quote from EcoAnalysts for their assistance with the review and analysis of our biomonitoring data.

Grants

Representatives from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNRPC) attended the meeting and discussed the 604B grant funded assistance that they will be providing. They will be starting immediately and will be reviewing the status of setback, buffer, and zoning ordinances in the watershed. They will also develop a land use layer for GIS that can be used to evaluate the need for updating zoning ordinances.

Permits

No permits were reviewed. UMLAC received notice, however, that NH DOT is planning to work on the I-93 Exit 14 bridge. This bridge is number 18 on DOT's red list. DOT plans to put in a temporary bridge north of the existing Loudon Rd/Bridge Street bridge.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Tucker will review the UMLAC website in November and provide recommendations to Michele for improvements.
- 2) November 15 is the Annual Watershed Conference. It will be held from 7AM to 3PM at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord.
- 3) Michele passed out UMLAC's Presidential Service Awards pins at the meeting. UMLAC received the award for our biomonitoring and other volunteer activities.
- 4) UMLAC's 20th anniversary will be upon us and initial ideas were discussed on how to celebrate. Long range planning activities will start next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn