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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2008
Canterbury Town Hall; Canterbury, NH

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

Members absent: Rick Chormann (Concord)

Other present: Arlene Allen (NH DES Shoreland Protection Program)

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After members reviewed the consent portion of the agenda, UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda. The July meeting will be held in Franklin and the August meeting will be held in Northfield.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report was submitted because of the timing of the bank statement mailing. The Franklin budget hearing went well and Franklin's support payment will be included in their budget. Tucker gave a presentation on UMRLAC at the budget hearing. Northfield made their support payment and Essex Hydro provided their adopt-a-site payment.

Membership

It would be desirable for Franklin to have another representative. Michele will ask Brian Sullivan of Franklin and Bruce Quimby (Adopt-a-Site sponsor) if they are interested in joining. Tucker will talk to his brother.

Guest Speakers

Amy Smagula is set to speak to UMRLAC on invasive species in July and at the same meeting Tucker will do a streaming video demonstration of the online coverage of the New Hampshire legislature (the biosolids bill).

Arlene Allen gave a very informative speech on the newly enacted Shoreland Protection Act. She provided details on compliance with the Act and passed out tools that can be used to determine the size and number of trees that can be cut down in protected areas. The Shoreland Protection Act provides a mechanism to retain views with careful planning and thought but does not allow clear cutting of trees near protected water bodies. Arlene is available to answer compliance questions. For example, how dead does a tree have to be exempt from restrictions on

removal contained in the Act? When it doubt, ask seems to be the common sense take home message from the talk.

Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Bacteria sampling will start June 11. Anne Emerson will courier the samples to the Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility. Krista's contact for microscope repair was a good find. Steve will fill out the online service order form and UMLAC will receive the special discount that the firm provides to volunteer organizations. The rock basket deployment notice went out. The rock baskets will be deployed on June 25 and volunteers should meet at Sewells Falls at 5 PM.

Grants

The UMRI AC and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNRPC) Upper Merrimack Management Plan 604B assistance grant is being prepared and will be ready for the August 8, 2008 deadline.

Permits

Concord Steam responded to UMLAC comments. No further comments by UMLAC are required. A dam application was submitted for repair of the flashboards at Franklin's Stevens Mill dam. An Obermeyer rubber air bladder flashboard system will be installed by Algonquin Power Systems. The new flashboards will be less susceptible to ice damage. Little impact from the changes are likely since the flood elevation and dam operating practices (run of river) will not change. UMLAC will prepare a comment letter that seeks information on the construction sequence and how any sediment or debris generated by the work will be collected. The final phase of construction at the Franklin ash landfill will start June 4. The contract for the work was recently awarded.

Miscellaneous

1) NH DOT has proposed to dispose of a parcel of surplus land in Bow near the Town Forest and interstate. The Town of Bow has been interested in this parcel in the past. The parcel is 53 acres in size and when combined with the Town Forest parcel yields a 92-acre unfragmented parcel of land. The Rivers Management Advisory Committee recommended that the NH DOT land go to a conservation organization or have a deeded conservation restriction, based on its conservation value.

The meeting was adjourned a little after 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn