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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2013
Concord, City Hall

Members present: Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), David Kirkpatrick (Bow), Rick Chormann (Concord), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), and Harry Anderson (Northfield)
Members absent: Nancy Roy (Canterbury), Bill Dawson (Northfield), and Tucker Noack (Franklin)
Others Present: Christy Liolis and Madeline Mineau (Concord)

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. UMRLAC voted to accept the consent agenda except A and C which required additional discussion. The Franklin meeting will be held on February 11. The Franklin meeting will start at 6:30 PM and the first order of business will be a tour of Watts Regulator. The meeting will then be hosted by the Watts Regulator Company. Item C of the consent agenda was discussed in more detail. Michele reinforced the need to make sure that the municipalities have UMRLAC's annual report and that the member's encourage the municipalities to publish our annual report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for December was approved and placed on file. Krista noted that she moved \$1,000 into checking and will move additional money next month. Michele noted that she moved the website to Go Daddy and that it would cost \$7.67 for two years of domain registration. Michele also asked to be reimbursed for mailing the Bug Nights tote bag to Vanessa and for \$12 in Bug Nights sundries. UMRLAC discussed the draft budget and made a number of amendments. The most significant changes were the elimination of the webmaster line item (Michele will resume this role) and the postponement of the subcontract for the biomonitoring data review and report. The subcontract was postponed after Steve pointed out that waiting until 2015 would result in the report being a milestone twenty-year report. The subcontract will be used to put our data in a DES usable format so that it can be used and accessed by a broader audience. The subcontractor will also review our data and programs. Steve noted that UMRLAC will need to complete a fresh set of habitat assessments to prepare for the twenty-year review. UMRLAC also voted to give the New Hampshire Rivers Council \$600. The Rivers Council provides legislation tracking and other services to UMRLAC. Michele will have them come in and describe their services.

Membership

The City of Concord appointed Madeline Mineau to UMRLAC and swore her in. In actuality, the City needed to nominate her to the Commissioner of NH DES so that he could appoint her to the position. Michele will inquire with DES to see whether the City of Concord's action could take the place of a formal nomination. It would seem reasonable to treat them as equivalent.

Michele noted that the appointment for Brian Sullivan and Bob Sharon has expired and that there are now openings for UMLAC membership.

Guest Speaker/Winter Public Event

UMLAC discussed options for the proposed winter public event. The alternatives that are being considered are: 1) Bill Dawson suggested a joint event with Fish and Game possibly involving a presentation on the State's Wildlife Action Plan, 2) a film and panel event at the Red River Theater and 3) a joint event with the Science Café organization (currently operating in Concord Hanover and Portsmouth). The venues for the Science Café could vary from the Barley House to the NHTI Sweeney Auditorium depending on interest. To follow up on these ideas, Michele will investigate the costs associated with using the Red River Theater for an event and find out if Red River would bring back a movie like Chasing Ice. Rick Chormann will contact representatives from the Science Café to inquire about a joint meeting and will follow up on whether Scott Tinker (Texas State Geologist) can be part of a panel for the movie Switch. Steve will contact Beth Flagler to inquire about a good movie for a climate change related panel/movie. Dave, Krista, Rick and Steve will view potential movies.

Project Proposals, Permits and Complaints

Gary discussed the relicensing of the Eastman Falls dam and his related discussion with Max Stamp of PRLAC. Max indicated that PRLAC does not have plans at this point to become an intervenor or be involved in the Eastman Falls dam licensing process. Nita noted that there might be a reason to become involved. She indicated that the portage around the dam is long and difficult and that it would be desirable to improve it. After some discussion, Michele indicated that it would be desirable for UMLAC to become an intervenor if for no other reason than to obtain the electronic mailings from FERC which are much more convenient than chasing down paper copies of documents. Michele asked Gary to look into whether it was still possible to become an intervenor. On the Concord Steam project, VHB contacted UMLAC about their response to our comments. After some discussion on the water withdrawal rate, UMLAC decided it has no further comments. Michele will communicate this to VHB. Steve discussed the Mojalaki golf course response to our comments. The application has been revised so that the small stream will no longer be rerouted. The response did not cover all of UMLAC's comments and Steve will provide the consultant with additional UMLAC feed back.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Anne is the website reviewer for January.
- 2) Michele will check to see if the bylaws are on the website and will post them if they are not.
- 3) Michele gave a quick summary of potential legislation this session and offered to forward Rivers Council legislative updates. She noted that HB 144 eliminates funding or approval of contracts related to the International Council for Environmental Initiatives. There is a LSR on the Shoreland Protection Act and infrastructure/State Aid Grant Program funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn