

# Upper Merrimack River

## Local Advisory Committee



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### UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2011 Boscawen Town Hall

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (Boscawen), Steve Landry (Boscawen), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Harry Anderson (Northfield), Bill Dawson (Northfield), Donna Liolis (Franklin), Nita Tomaszewski (Franklin), and David Kirkpatrick (Bow)

*Members absent:* Robert Sharon (Franklin), Rick Chormann (Concord), Anne Emerson (Canterbury), Nancy Roy (Canterbury), and Tucker Noack (Franklin)

*Others Present:* Mr. Liolis

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 Bow on **August 8, 2011**. Steve and Michele will be on vacation and will miss the September meeting. Gary will preside at that meeting, if there are permits to review or business to conduct. Additionally, the October meeting will be held on October 17, not on Columbus Day.

#### Treasurer's Report

Krista provided the June Treasurer's report and UMRLAC voted to accept the report and place it on file. Krista has still not received PSNH's overdue adopt-a-site payment. Elektrisola, Franklin Savings Bank, and Essex Hydro all renewed their adopt-a-site sponsorships. All of the Franklin reps were at the Franklin budget meeting. They reported the meeting went well.

#### Membership

Rick Chormann was not available to ask him about the status of recruiting new members from Concord.

#### Guest Speakers

Jim Garvin retired from State service. Michele will contact him about being a guest speaker after he settles down into his retirement routine. Gary has still not received a response from PSNH about a guest speaker. Bill will see if he can get a guest speaker to talk about Eagles and Osprey (there is a very active Osprey tagging and monitoring effort going on in New Hampshire that would be interesting to learn about).

#### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

Steve noted that there was a very good turnout for rock basket deployment. This was the first time where Steve only had to deploy baskets on one site. The only rock basket that wasn't deployed was the one on the Contoocook River. The Contoocook River was too high at the time and Steve will deploy the rock basket when the river level is lower. The retrieval date (aka basket and burritos day) will be August 17<sup>th</sup>. Two additional *E. coli* samples were collected. So far all results have been below 88 (the swimming beach standard). Steve noted that the swimming beach standard is lower than the standard that the Merrimack is supposed to meet. Steve bought rebar and pink flagging to secure the rock baskets and to mark their locations. He spent \$45.79 and will be reimbursed next meeting.



Finally, Michele and Steve completed the bug night report cards so hide the mail if you don't want your significant other to know you run with forceps in your hand.

#### Proposals and Permits

NH DOT filed notice of a proposal for I-93 widening in Bow at the I-89 and I-93 interchange. NH DOT responded to UMLAC comments by providing additional information on the project. The temporary bridge footprint will be incorporated into the permanent structure and no changes are planned to the current channeled section of Turkey River.

Steve talked to the project manager at Provan and Lorber about the updated plans for the Edmunds asphalt plant in Franklin. The revised plan does not encroach as much on the wooded buffer. They are also not mining more sand and gravel but are focusing on reworking the site to make it more level. They will be keeping all of the stormwater onsite and will use a CDS subsurface stormwater treatment system (operates like a leach field). They will also be relocating used equipment for the plant. UMLAC will not be providing additional comments.

The NHTI north parking lot expansion alteration of terrain application is for 300 parking spots. The water table is too high for porous pavement and it isn't possible to infiltrate stormwater as a result. Stormwater will be directed to an impoundment but it will be under water during flooding. UMLAC will send a comment letter suggesting down shaded lighting and questioning whether the surface impoundment will be scoured during flooding.

#### Legislation

UMLAC discussed upcoming legislation. There are bills that would repeal the Shoreland Protection Act Fee, repeal of the Shoreland Protection Act, eliminate regional planning commissions, and limit the authority of Conservation Commissions.

#### Miscellaneous

- 1) David will be the website reviewer for July.
- 2) David submitted his article to the *Goffstown News* and other publications in the UMLAC region. Bill will rewrite his draft article to focus more on the Merrimack. Steve will write the August article and Gary will write the September article. Michele asked everyone to bring in clippings of our articles, if they run across one.
- 3) Nita noted that the Loon Survey will be held the Saturday after the meeting and that there are two baby loon chicks on Webster Lake.
- 4) David noted that the Bow Conservation Commission acquired 70 additional acres off Page and White Rock Road to add to the Hammond lot. Sixteen percent of Bow land is in conservation.
- 5) Donna and Nita joined the Franklin Conservation Commission and are looking for example bylaws. Michele will help them and she is a member of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.
- 6) Friends of the Northern Rail Trail will have a golden spike event when the latest trail segment is completed and the new segment is connected to the main trail (45 miles complete).
- 7) There is a group promoting a bike trail along the Merrimack in Concord and they are having a cleanup day to generate interest in their proposed trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted by Gary Lynn