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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2021  
Bow Municipal Building, Bow

*Members present:* Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Gary Lynn (Bow), Krista Crowell (Bow), Anne Dowling (Canterbury), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Wayne Ives (Franklin) and Mary Lee (Northfield).

*Members absent:* Jeffrey Perkins (Franklin), Tom Gilmore (Boscawen), Gary Lemay (Concord) and Donna Liolis (Franklin).

*Others present:* Michael Marchand (New Hampshire Fish and Game Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program Supervisor) and Sandy Crystal (Bow Conservation Commission Chair)

The Chair of UMRLAC, Michele Tremblay, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on **September 13, 2021 in Boscawen.**

Consent Agenda Approval

The consent agenda was approved unanimously with the following corrections to the minutes: 1) the minutes should read St Paul's not Saint Paul's in two locations in the UMMP section and 2) bug nights should be capitalized in the same section.

Membership

Michele requested that UMRLACers be on the look out for potential members from Concord.

Treasurer's Report

The July Treasurer's report was reviewed, approved and placed on file. Franklin paid their support payment for 2021 in record time. Canterbury's payment is still pending for two years of invoices.

Brownfields Advisory Committee.

No change in status, waiting for the regional planning commission to schedule the next meeting.

FERC Update

No update available.

Guest Speaker

Mike Marchand gave a presentation on the nongame and endangered species program in New Hampshire and the state's Wildlife Action Plan. New Hampshire has 30 endangered species, 21 threatened species, 62 species of special concern and 169 species of greatest conservation need. The state's Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) describes each of these species and critical habitats. Mike's program also coordinates programs for nongame species (420 species including 60 fur bearing species). In addition to this daunting work load, his program will need to start on the next revision of the WAP (2015 plan must be updated by 2025). UMRLAC was very interested in the maps developed for the WAP and the mechanism that has been established for reporting of endangered and threatened species. All of the programs discussed in Mike's presentation are administered by 8 full time Fish and Game staffers operating under a hodgepodge of state, federal and donor funding sources. UMRLAC wished Mike luck and is hopeful that his short handed program will be able to develop planned best management practices documents on

wildlife friendly erosion control fabrics, etc. Mike agreed during the question and answer session to review our next revision to UMLAC's Upper Merrimack plan to ensure WAP issues are addressed.

Michele will continue to follow up on wetlands and AOT speaker options. She is "currently playing phone tag" with Ridge Mauck and Mary Ann Tilton of NHDES. Steve will call Ben Lundstrum about the permittee perspective on the wetlands/AOT process.

#### Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP)

No change in status. The river levels have been too high to collect samples via kick netting. As of three weeks ago, the St Paul's School feels confident that they can host Bug Nights. Their preference is that the school hosts a select, small group of well trained individuals. Michele will follow up with St Paul's to confirm the maximum number of attendees and that recent Covid news has not changed school policy.

#### Projects

Steve discussed a NHDOT surplus property proposal. NHDOT would like to sale 58,210 sq ft of property to NH Bituminous. NH Bituminous currently leases the property from NHDOT. The property was formerly owned by the Boston & Maine Railroad and has been used as part of the asphaltting operation for a number of years. The property is adjacent to the Northern Rail Trail and is behind a Cumberland Farms gas station. Michele will request information on existing site drainage and development intent.

The wetlands permit for the Whitney Road/Hoyt Road project was approved, as well as for the NHDOT I-89 culvert renovation project. VHB provided a response to the NHDES information request letter on the Exit 17 round about project. Their response is still undergoing NHDES review. Michel is working on her letter on that project regarding down shaded lighting. She would like to see down shaded lighting included in the NHDOT bid spec for the project.

#### UMWA Update

The Turkey River draft restoration plan will be finalized and then presented to interested parties via an August 25th, 5 to 7 PM zoom call. The project will be finished by September 30th.

### Summary of Assignments

Michele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prepare September UMLAC meeting agenda.</li><li>- Contact Mike Tardiff (CNHRPC) to discuss submission of a letter of intent to apply for a 604b grant for river management plan update assistance.</li><li>- Identify NHDES speakers on wetlands/AOT permit reviews.</li><li>- Respond to the Exit 17 project regarding down shaded lighting.</li><li>- Confirm St Paul's Bug Night hosting requirements.</li><li>- Request information on NHDOT property surplus proposal.</li></ul>
Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Contact Ben Lundstrum about a guest speaker presentation.</li><li>- Organize two reference and Turkey river site bio sampling via kick netting.</li></ul>
Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Read the September 2007 river management plan and help plan regional planning update assistance scope.</li></ul>
Anne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Follow up on Canterbury support payment with the Conservation Commission Chair.</li></ul>
Gary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prepare minutes.</li><li>- Track the Brownfields Advisory Committee.</li></ul>
Gary Lemay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Continue to track FERC licensing activities.</li><li>- Send out a list of names and permit numbers of active FERC dam projects.</li><li>- Draft generic letter on shorelands and wetlands permits.</li><li>- Ask David Cedarholm about presenting on Concord's stormwater utility FS.</li></ul>
Krista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prepare Treasurer's report.</li></ul>

*Minutes submitted by Gary Lynn.*