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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes for October 20th 2025:

Present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Krista Crowell (Bow), Claire Lund (Concord), Barbara Griffin (Bow), Mike Hanson (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Ted Nemetz (Franklin) *Absent:* Wayne Ives (Franklin), David Day (Canterbury)

Others in Attendance: Dave Pollak (Northfield Resident)

Michele opened the meeting at 7:00pm and members and guest Dave Pollak introduced themselves, then reviewed the consent agenda. Krista moved to accept, Barbara seconded the motion, and the consent agenda was approved. The November 10th meeting, both monthly and annual meeting, is slated to be in Bow; a room with a projector is requested.

Claire reached out twice to Concord Wastewater regarding a potential tour and did not receive a response. Franklin Wastewater treatment plant is another option to be pursued; Ted will reach out on UMRLAC's behalf. Michele noted that proposed draft rules have been released and the comment period is now open.

Michele noted that the Stirrup Iron Brook Walk-and-Talk scheduled for 11.1.25 registration on Eventbrite is unfortunately part of the Amazon services platform which is currently down

Barbara updated the committee that there has been no activity on the Brownfields Advisory Committee or tannery permit project, however she shared that there was an article published in the Concord Monitor on the Bow/Concord project- details explain that the project is stalled indefinitely due to an extensive period elapsing between the initial bid and funding being secured, making the bid conditions out-of-date with current costs.

The committee review a Shoreland Permit Application for Easter Seals in Franklin NH. Noting a small increase to impervious cover, and a data check with F&G was clear of any impacted species noted. P2, sec 8 of the application lists the project as not applicable, however this seems contrary to the indications elsewhere. The committee is interested to know if an alternative site across Holy Cross Rd was considered for the ropes course. The group discussed the AOT permit and shoreland permit applications for Easter Seals Veterans Campus project. They identified several questions and concerns, including the feasibility of relocating the ropes course, manure and nutrient management, and the status of Phase 1 completion. The team noted that the applications included a stormwater maintenance manual with logs, which was unusual and appreciated. They agreed to ask about the horses' housing situation and manure management, as well as the nutrient management plan for the dog yard. The group also identified inconsistency of the Phase 1 completion date being listed as either July or August within different sections of the application

The committee additionally reviewed an AOT Permit Application for Easter Seals in Franklin NH. The committee noted references to completion of work in Phase I in both July and August in different parts of the application, so the completion date is unclear. Section 3.9 of the stormwater control section listed a contact that may not be current. Application item #3 denotes a checked box for multiple property owners, however, there does not seem to be any owner information indicated. There seems to be no clear indication of anticipated storage for manure management, or a nutrient management plan. Equestrian and Canine animals will be present on site, despite the duration of their presence, the application does seem to be unclear how any waste generated will be collected, stored, or disposed of. The committee noted the inclusion of manuals and logs of stormwater management, which are rarely included, but were present and complete. The committee discussed the updated terms used throughout to describe plant matter- suggesting aligning with cooperative extension references to "non-native invasive" in lieu of the often utilized previous term "nuisance."

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Hutchinson

Michele noted the 10/16/2025 FERC update sent via email by Wayne prior to the meeting, and its' accessibility via <https://www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee/other-documents/>

Michele mentioned the previous notion of an “Evergreen” river management plan, and potential 604B application for federal funding to translate the working document into a spreadsheet format, easier to revise and update, accompanied by a linked narrative.

Krista noted a dark sky’s initiative presentation in Nashua on October 21st
The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Summary of Assignments

Michele	Prepare November UMRLAC meeting agenda. Check rule revisions for impacts to UMRLAC activities Update the committee on Eventbrite/Amazon Services functionality & send Stirrup-Iron Brook event reminder by week-end. Check feasibility of 604B application if management plan revisions are performed via committee
Barbara	Track Brownfields Advisory Committee activities, should they resume.
Ted	Contact Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility about potential tour/meeting location.
Claire	Revise categorical response letters to incorporate two rounds of rule revisions
Adrienne	Prepare October meeting minutes.
Wayne	Track FERC dam licensing activities
Krista	Reserve Bow space for November meeting, with projector available
All	Membership outreach and potential presenters.