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UMRLAC Meeting Minutes Nov. 10th 2025:

Present: Michele Tremblay (At Large), Steve Landry (At Large), Krista Crowell (Bow), Claire Lund (Concord), Mike Hansen (Bow), Adrienne Hutchinson (Canterbury), Ted Nemetz (Franklin), Dave Pollak (Northfield)

Absent: Wayne Ives (Franklin), David Day (Canterbury), Barbara Griffin (Bow)

Remotely in Attendance: Phil Trowbridge, Barbara Skuly, Therese Thompson, Tracie Sales, Suzanne Petersen

Michele opened the meeting at 7:00pm and members and guests introduced themselves, then invited Phil Trowbridge to begin his presentation reviewing recent changes to land resources management permitting. Primarily guide landowners to minimize impacts to NH's water resources. Process approx. 10k permits annually, award 2m restoration funds, investigate 250 complaints annually. HB2 budget trailer bill: Gov. initiative to consolidate work in house for faster permitting and better coordination. SB 65, SB 109, SB 110 also related. Permit by notifications for small AOT & Solar arrays below a certain threshold. New mandates for ecological reviews, NHDES to keep plant and wildlife reviews in-house for their own permits. NHFG responsible for "non-permit" wildlife reviews and state lands and management actions. Updates to data check tool to comply with law, map not included now, payment required, update to NatureServe platform. Fees mostly doubled, no change to Shoreland, PBN's decreased. Rules require applicants to send plans to LAC's 40 days before PBN applications. LAC sends comments to applicant, DES has 14-day eligibility check only; if ineligible LAC notifies NHDES w/rule citation. HB 1113- waterfront property transfer requirements must now align. Advance public comment opportunity. Wetlands rules to experience major overhaul in 2026: affects all chapters except 200,700,1000. Reorganization to be linear, reduced words and pages; approx. 1/4 reduction in page volume, more concise. Boathouses no longer prohibited over public water, height limitations. Only available when seasonal docking isn't feasible. Phil believes it will increase LAC access to information and expedite processing. Michele asked about the Kw production correlation to square footage of solar arrays, short answer is yes. Fee increases took into consideration recent increases and those not recently increased. Michele noted subsurface permitting is rarely seen by our LAC, with the technical exception of underground storage tanks. Phil believes there will be no lessening of requirements, however the revision will make requirements more easily seen and understood, and that hard copies must be sent directly to LAC's in accordance with deadlines, catching up the laws with practices. Claire asked if municipalities will receive applications as well as LAC's. RSA 43 vs RSA541 requirements to send to LAC vs. notification to municipalities, unsure of timeline required. Therese asked about the duration of a septic system adjacent to a lake; Phil noted no requirements exist, but 40-50 years for older systems, and more modern may be closer to 20 years, systems typically overbuilt for number of bedrooms. Construction and use are pertinent factors. Onus for rule adherence seems to now fall on the LAC for PBN's. Secondary process must specifically state which aspect(s) of the rule is/are not being followed. RTK request can then be filed if concern exists by LAC, however this can be lengthy if not small and concise. Barbara Skuly, asked about comment response to applicant could also be CC'd to DES, would this negate need for RTK request and align with functioning of LAC to send comment to DES as is currently the process. Michele thanked Phil for his concise and comprehensive presentation on a complex topic.

Michele opened the annual meeting at 8:03pm. Krista moved to nominate the slate of current officers, slate accepted unanimously. The committee worked to revise bylaws section VII Voting Powers (A.) to concisely comply with the language of RSA 91-A:2. Krista moved to accept the changes, Claire seconded, the motion to accept changes was unanimously approved. The annual meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Michele reviewed the November consent agenda. Steve motioned to change the date from 2024 to 2025, Claire seconded the motion, motion approved. The December 8th meeting is scheduled to be in Concord at the DES building on Hazen Drive.

Ted reached out to Franklin Wastewater Treatment, but has not yet received a response regarding a tour. Lab personnel previously known to UMRLAC representatives may be more responsive, Michele to follow up with Ted to contact relevant staff.

Michele noted an update received via email from Barabara that there is no movement on the BAC or Tannery project.

Mike H. mentioned the Bow 10-yr plan will still include the Bow-Concord project, however projects exceed currently allocated funding. For federal funding to translate the working document into a spreadsheet format, it is projected to be easier to revise and update, accompanied by a linked narrative.

Michele plans to send an email noting that a shoreland application has been considered accepted by DES, however it is incomplete because it has not been received by UMRLAC. AOT is noted as incomplete in an 11/10/25 email from DES, however there is no

additional information included as to why it was deemed incomplete.

Follow-up letter from Easter Seals application via Norway Plains Assoc. Inc seems to address all the items identified previously by UMLAC. Claire, Ted, (Shoreland) and Mike H. (AOT) to take lead permit review on December AOT and Shoreland that are currently incomplete.

Wayne provided a FERC update in absentia: available online via UMLAC's website.

Michele noted correspondence forwarded to representatives via email, recommended for lead reviewers perusal, and all could benefit from the guidance contained within. Michele reported on the 604B application if management plan revisions are performed via committee and the short answer is that funds would be applicable to this work as long as conditions are met. Potential payments would be via contract not a hire; Michele to follow up with representatives and Tracie Sales for further input.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Summary of Assignments

Michele	Prepare December UMLAC meeting agenda. Liaise with Ted to contact Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility staff about potential tour. Investigate LOI for December deadline for 604B fund applications
Barbara	Track Brownfields Advisory Committee activities, should they resume.
Ted	Liaise with Michele to contact Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility about potential tour.
Claire	Continue work to revise categorical response letters to incorporate rule revisions
Adrienne	Prepare November meeting minutes.
Wayne	Track FERC dam licensing activities
All	Membership outreach and potential presenters.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Hutchinson