

**Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**6:30pm February, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88624598303?pwd=dzJlN0NpdUU3OXZybTFjRUNhMlkwUT09>

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- 1) Living with Bears – Black bears are the smallest of the three bear species found in North America, and the only bear found in Vermont. Black bears prefer wild areas with fewer people, but in recent years, as people have begun to encounter bears more, it is important to understand how to protect them and reduce bear encounters. Vermont Fish and Wildlife’s Black Bear Project Leader and Wildlife Biologist Jaclyn Comeau will join us to discuss Vermont’s black bear population, their biology and habitat, and specific actions we can all take to prevent conflicts.
- 2) Call business portion of the meeting to order; welcome guests; introductions as needed
- 3) Review of January meeting minutes
- 4) Any business from the January minutes? River Rally; Newsletters mailed
- 5) Event overview: Franklin County snowshoe
- 6) Administrative: 2023 budget overages: where to spend the funds?  
Lindsey’s review  
Executive Committee  
ECO AmeriCorps member 2024/2025: MRBA intends to host a member; do we want to share?
- 7) 2025 Budget and 2024 Workplan?
- 8) 2024 Sojourn – budget, planning, and goals
- 9) Grants/Projects: Tillotson Road Culvert; Montgomery Knotweed project
- 10) 2024 Upcoming Events – **March 9:** Orleans County snowshoe; **April/May:** Salamander Night Patrols; **May 13-16:** River Rally; **May 19:** Open House. **June 6-12:** Sojourn Day Paddles. See website for the rest of the year’s events.
- 11) Other/Public Comment
- 12) Upcoming meetings  
March 21 via zoom – presentation on Native Tree Propagation 15
- 13) Wrap up and adjourn.

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