

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Committee

Meeting Agenda

6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21st, 2020

Zoom Meeting – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84985842702?pwd=SU9HMEc4R1JzSzcwOGpPMWVNTXIBQT09>

(Let Lindsey (802-922-0544) or Ranier (607-765-3346) know if you have trouble connecting)

- 1) Check-in: how is everyone's physical and mental well-being? What's something you've noticed outside (bonus "points" if it's along a stream or river) this spring?

- 2) Review of April meeting minutes

- 3) Storm Impact Grants – received 4 requests for \$20,000. Applications overview and subcommittee recommendations. Vote on funding these projects; also discuss lessons learned.

Even if fund all 4, still have funds remaining – should we expand the offering to neighbor towns (Lowell, Jay, Bakersfield. [NFCT, Newport Center, Franklin, Sheldon??])?

River Community Grants Update: Lindsey has connected with the folks we awarded 2020 grants to, and will update the Committee on timelines/potential adaptation request/etc.

- 4) Projects

NFCT crew will repair Davis Park steps, likely the week of June 8-12; also updates/upgrades at Doe Camp.

NFCT is thankful for the reallocation of the 1500 that would have supported the Paddle Pedal, and will use it for stewardship work in our area, or to promote family paddling on the Missisquoi.

Signage – Montgomery, Westfield, Troy are going to install signs. Lindsey ordered posts, will get these to the towns once those arrive. No response from Enosburg or the Rail Trail (VTrans) yet.

Mill Brook project is finally all permitted! Construction can begin after June 1.

- 5) 2020 events

A few people have asked about whether events will happen this year. Let's discuss the pros/cons and potential ways we may do events, if we choose to.

● ~~LNT workshop led by GMC; on hold~~

- June 6th – Paddle and Picnic on the Trout River – hold later? Offer a couple, smaller outings? Other ideas?

● ~~June 20th – Paddle/Pedal~~

- July 26th – W&S Gathering at Big Falls – "gathering" seems like a bad word these days. Alternative ideas?
- August 1st and 2nd – adult overnight on the Missisquoi – could we do this responsibly? Small groups, everyone with their own equipment, etc...?
- August River Explorers Camp – could this happen responsibly? Limit to local families, limit numbers, have strict protocols?
- September 12th – Montgomery River Clean-Up? Develop protocols? Decide further down the road?
- Other events ideas – especially virtual events/activities, or DIY activities that we could encourage family units to do?

- 6) Other/Public Comment

- 7) Upcoming meetings

June 18 – Franklin County – Berkshire? Or online again?

July 16 – Orleans County – Westfield? Lowell – Westfield paddle in Sept?

August 20 – Franklin County – Montgomery?

- 8) Wrap up and adjourn; stay safe and well!

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