

JOINT meeting of the UMATR Wild & Scenic Committee and the MRBA
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 7th, 2023 6:30 PM – UMATR/MRBA Office

Attendees: Jenn Grace, Janet Lee and Tony Brault, Bryan Dickinson, Dan Seeley and Adele Wolfson, Jim McCartney, John and Ruth Little, Cynthia Scott and Jim Townsend, Mike Manahan, Russ Ford, Sarah Cushing, Kate Donlon, Brian Jerose, Paul and Linda Stanley, Craig Cimmons, Ross Peebles, Corrina King, Ellen Fox, Sarah Lunn, and Lindsey Wight

Holiday Potluck: Thanks to all for bringing delicious food! It was wonderful to share a meal and conversation with everyone.

Slideshow of 2023 activities from both organizations: Thank you to Sarah for putting together the wonderful slideshow highlighting the many and varied activities that both groups undertook during 2023! Lindsey will send out the link so that people can see it again, or for folks who couldn't attend.

Intro to each organization and 2023 Successes: Brief summary of each organization; thanks to folks who chimed in with their favorite parts of each organization's work. And thanks again to Sarah for putting together the slideshows of 2023 Successes for each group! Much of this information is/will be part of the 2023 newsletters for each group, but Lindsey will also send out the slides as requested.

Grants/Projects: Vermont River Conservancy has requested an extension for their River Community Grant for work on the McKay parcel below big falls. CS motions to approve; JL seconds; motion passes.

The Village of Enosburg Falls has requested an extension for their River Community Grant for work and signage along the Bridge of Flowers and Lights. CS motions to approve; RF and BD second; motion passes.

Review the November Warrant: This task was completed by members of the MRBA, which is the fiscal agent for the UMATR Committee.

Homework: Sarah has created 2024 UMATR event flyers; please take some and hang them in your town.

Other Public Comment: Happy Holidays to all.

Upcoming Meetings: January 18th, on zoom beginning with a presentation from Mike Kline about River Dynamics.

Wrap up and adjourn: Thanks again for a wonderful evening!