

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee

Meeting Agenda

6:30pm Thursday, August 19th, 2021

In-person meeting: Westfield Community Center – 110 North Hill Rd, Westfield (near Westfield General Store)

Zoom option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83602573917?pwd=Und2NFA0OXo0Z3R0UmYvakNlekl3UT09>

We were intending to hold this meeting at Boutin's, and support a local business by purchasing some pizzas. However, the rain has scared us inside (thank you for securing the Community Center, Jacques!) – Lindsey will pick up some Boutin's pizzas for us to enjoy there!

- 1) Greetings; catching up; enjoy pizzas
- 2) Review of July meeting minutes
- 3) Events review: thoughts, feedback, and suggestions
 - Summer Days on the River guided youth paddle trips – trips happened July 22: East Berkshire-Enosburg; July 29: East Berkshire-Enosburg. No one signed up for the July 20 Richford-East Berkshire trip; the August 18 Teen Trip from East Richford-Richford was cancelled due to weather (some interest in rescheduling for a weekend).
 - Paddle and Picnic – Richford to East Berkshire.
 - River Explorers camp trip – 10 attendees; 2 previous campers as helpers. Tough year for emotions – perhaps need to do separate gender trips?
 - Did everyone see the [WCAX story](#) about the river clean-up day that Keith incorporated into the trip?
 - Missisquoi Paddle Pedal – 60+ participants, despite the low water. A great partner event.
 - Knockout Knotweed – rain kept attendance down, but got some interest and curiosity.
- 4) Upcoming:
 - Montgomery Clean-Up Sept 12
 - Partner event: Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi - drumming, local artistry, and free war canoe rides! ([pre-reg](#) required!) – on August 28th at the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge.
- 5) Check in about River Community and Town Infrastructure grants
 - MVSD and NCSU river trips completed; awaiting final reports
 - LHS and MRBA/Arrowwood projects are underway, as is the Richford Library (a 2020 grant)
 - Outstanding RC grants (NFCT – Sampsonville; VRC – Big Falls; CHC – Keeping Track)
 - Town of Troy – culvert project completed; awaiting final report
 - Town Infrastructure grants: North Troy Hill St culvert (2020) and ditching (2021), Westfield Loop Rd culvert, Berkshire Marvin Rd.
 - Montgomery Conservation Commission – project pivot requested.

Release 2022 RCGs this fall? We brought this up last November and said we'd discuss this summer.

- 6) Other projects: Marlana (intern) is working on two online surveys: Survey about covered bridge for Troy Selectboard. [Also: temporary bridge is in!] Survey for Lowell residents.

Stone steps at Lawyer's Landing are a nice addition – where shall we target next year? Big Falls – North Troy? East Richford?

- 7) Other/Public Comment
- 8) Upcoming meetings - Zoom in winter? Pandemic concerns? Dinner meetings?
September 16 – Berkshire Town Hall
October 21 – Orleans County?
- 9) Wrap up and adjourn.

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