

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

6:30pm Thursday, November 18th, 2021

Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88913730771?pwd=UWVNOEIMcHYyWIRiU21KUThvb1lCQT09>

- 1) Greetings; catching up; call to order.
- 2) Review of October meeting minutes
- 3) River Community and Town Infrastructure grants
2021 grants update:
 - NFCT submitted for their Sampsonville assessment (a 2020 grant), and Noah Pollock will join our meeting to discuss opportunities and next steps for this project.
 - MVSD submitted a final report for their week-long camp.
 - Town of Berkshire completed their Marvin Road culvert replacement (Town Infrastructure).2022 River Community Grants: received 11 applications requesting \$55, 887.80. Mostly stronger grant applications than previous years; a few unique/innovative projects, though did elicit as many “out of the box” ideas as hoped for.
Summary of grant applications (description and funding amount requested); summary of recommendations of the subcommittee; discussion and decisions about 2022 River Community Grant awards.
2022 Town Infrastructure grant applications are due Dec 1. Please help your towns take advantage of this funding opportunity.
- 4) Other projects: Troy Bridge survey – now out. Seeking input from Troy residents only; but please help spread the word.
2022 access point project?
Paddle trips: Paddle and Picnic, youth tours, what else are 2022 priorities? – include self-guided paddle-pedal tours?
Other projects we should pursue in 2022?
- 5) Strategies for engagement with our towns: speaker series – let’s get some ideas flowing/scheduled: what are topics of interest beyond mussels, knotweed, and Jeff’s LHS project? What amount of speaker stipend should we offer?
- 6) FY 2023 budget – we’ll begin refining this; any suggested “sweeping” changes to start?
- 7) Other/Public Comment
- 8) Upcoming meetings
December 16 – celebratory meal/potluck??? Also Town Infrastructure Grant decisions.
Some future meeting at the Thirsty Burger.
- 9) Wrap up and adjourn.