

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee
Meeting Agenda
6:30pm Thursday, February 20th, 2025

Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86521184319?pwd=LOBooax9Maapva48n1nitjn1hfiANb.1>

- 1) Timber Rattlesnakes - Dr. Luke Groff, Herpetologist with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, will open up our meeting with our second Online Seminar Series of 2025. Dr. Groff will share information with us about the only venomous snake in Vermont: timber rattlesnakes. Though not found in our Wild & Scenic region, it will be exciting to learn more about this unique animal and the work that Dr. Groff does with them and other herps!
- 2) Call the business portion of the meeting to order; welcome guests; introductions as needed.
- 3) Review of January meeting minutes (Thanks Sarah, Wendy, and Ruby!)
- 4) Any business from the January minutes (not on agenda)?
- 5) Administrative: 2024 activities summaries were submitted to each town: watch for them in your Town Reports!

Lindsey Review - Committee survey should be out; please fill it out with your honest opinions!

ECO AmeriCorps member 2025/2026: Presuming the program continues; do we want to co-host a member with MRBA again?
- 6) Grants/Projects: Jay Community Land update; North Troy revitalization effort update
- 7) 2026 Budget and 2025 Workplan?
- 8) 2025 Upcoming UMATR Events – Online Speaker Series (**Jan-Mar meeting openers**); **Feb 22: Franklin County Snowshoe 10am-12pm in Montgomery**; **Mar 8:** Orleans County Snowshoe 10am-12pm, location tbd; **April/May:** Salamander Night Patrols?; **May 18:** Annual Open House; **June 21:** The Celebration film premiere; **June 24?**: Tubing on the Trout; **June 28:** Paddle Lessons; **July?**: Guided Nature Paddle; **July 12:** Paddle-Pedal; **July 26?**: BBQ at Brault's; **Aug 3:** Paddle & Picnic; **Sept 6:** Swimming Hole Clean-Up; **Oct 11?**: WSFF - many of the year's events are up on our website; be sure to secure your spot!
- 9) Other/Public Comment
- 10) Upcoming meetings:
March 20: via zoom - River Bank Stabilization and River Dynamics with Dr John Fields!
April 17: in person - UMATR office
- 11) Wrap up and adjourn.