

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

6:30pm Thursday, January 18th, 2024

Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88624598303?pwd=dzJlN0NpdUU3OXZybTFjRUNhMlkwUT09>

- 1) River Dynamics and Floodplains – renowned River Ecologist and Geomorphologist Mike Kline has worked for over 30 years restoring and protecting rivers in Vermont, working with state and federal resource-managers to develop science-based river policies. Over the years he has made great strides towards river protections, working with professionals across academia, government agencies, and NGOs to develop and apply stream geomorphic and habitat assessment protocols, fluvial erosion hazard mapping, and river and floodplain management principles and practices. Learn about how rivers shape our landscape and how floodplains are integral to protecting our local river ecosystems!
- 2) Call business portion of the meeting to order; welcome guests; introductions as needed
- 3) Review of November meeting minutes; overview of December joint meeting
- 4) Any business from these minutes/notes? Going to embroiderer soon; get your ‘uniform’ orders in! Richford postcards; Holiday gifts to Town Clerks; Rasputitsa towns meeting
- 5) Administrative: 2023 activities summaries were submitted to each town: watch for them in your Town Reports!
2023 By The Numbers – Lindsey will share a year-end accounting of 2023
Budget changes/possibilities: Sojourn film & sojourn; sampsonville; higher costs for paddle lessons; River Rally – where do we stand and what can we move?
Lindsey’s annual review – send eval survey; set time to discuss with Exec Committee
Exec Committee
ECO AmeriCorps member for 2024-2025? Host site applications likely due mid-late Feb.
- 6) Events/activities: WSFF subcommittee formation.
River Rally registration opens Jan 29; scholarships available – applications due Feb 8.
- 7) 2024 Sojourn – budget, planning, and goals
Film project?
- 8) Grants/Projects: Jay Community Land possibility
Access Point? & other NFCT collaborations
Newsletter
- 9) 2024 Upcoming Events – **Feb 3**: Franklin County Snowshoe 10am-12pm; Vincent’s Bridge in Montgomery; **Mar 9**: Orleans County snowshoe 10am-12pm; location tbd; **April/May**: Salamander Night Patrols? **May 13-16**: River Rally in Grand Rapids, MI. **June 6-12**: Sojourn Day Paddles – most of the year’s events are up on our website.
- 10) Other/Public Comment
- 11) Upcoming meetings
February 15 – via zoom: Black Bears!
- 12) Wrap up and adjourn.

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