

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

Meeting Agenda

6:30pm Thursday, October 17th, 2024

Westfield Community Center - 110 N Hill Rd, Westfield 05874

- 1) Welcome, greetings
- 2) Review of September meeting minutes
- 3) Any business from the September minutes? none this month
- 4) Event overview: Mike Kline walk; Film Fest.
- 5) Administrative:
 - Lowell - guest Jenn Blay (selectboard member)
 - Budget tracking
- 6) Grants/Projects: Final reporting from Richford Conservation Commission - Our River, Our Community, Our Future; FCNRCD - Piloting Wildlife Habitat Assessments; NCSU - Teen River Trip; Berkshire - Marvin/Godin culverts. Update on lingering grants.
Visit/example of Wildlife Habitat Assessment?

2025 Municipal Grant application round is open; applications will be due November 1, 2025.

2025 River Community Grants - summary of application received and recommendations from the subcommittee.

2025 access point options: East Richford, East Berkshire, North Troy, other?
- 7) 2024 Upcoming UMATR Events – **October 21-23**: PWSR Gathering at Jay Peak.
Other: MRBA's knotweed bonfire - October 30 at Riverwalk Park
- 8) 2025 Events: Event budget check-in and discussion of desires/priorities:
 - Speaker Series (Jan-Mar meeting openers) - topics?
 - Snowshoe events? - Feb/Mar - reach out to County Foresters for possible dates
 - Annual Open House?
 - Amphibian Road Crossing - Mar/Apr; do NBNC training again, then invite people to join?
 - Paddle Lesson - all day workshop
 - Paddle-Pedal - July 12th
 - Tubing on the Trout
 - Paddle & Picnic
 - Swimming Hole Clean-Up
 - WSFF paired with Bean & Brew again (likely to be October 11th)
 - Other: River Explorers trip? Adult canoe camping trip?
- 9) Other/Public Comment
- 10) Upcoming meetings:
 - *November 14*** – UMATR office
 - Dec 5 - Annual Joint UMATR/MRBA potluck - UMATR/MRBA office
- 11) Wrap up and adjourn.