

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

## Meeting Agenda

**6:30pm Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

UMATR office – 2839 VT Route 105, East Berkshire

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- 1) Welcome, greetings, and: welcome Ruby!
- 2) Review of August meeting minutes
- 3) Any business from the August minutes? UMATR vests have been ordered for those who requested them. 2 rooms at Jay Peak have been reserved for UMATR use during PWSR conference.
- 4) Event overview: Paddle and Picnic on Aug 18; Tubing on the Trout on Aug 25; Swimming Hole Clean-Up on Sept 7.
- 5) Administrative: Tracking budget
- 6) Grants/Projects: Final reporting from Enosburg – River Rd culvert and Veilleux ditching. Update on existing grants.  
2025 River Community Grants application round is open; please share widely and often.  
2025 Municipal Grant application revamp: discuss changes. Grant round will open once final application is approved; applications will be due November 1, 2025.  
Grant review subcommittee for this year - who would like to help determine which projects to fund?
- 7) Wild and Scenic Film Festival October 12th – we're in the countdown! Please seek sponsors and raffle prizes! Please help spread the word – posters and social media, etc. Please invite people personally; Jay Peak's Bean and Brew is earlier that day, and pairs well - there will be Japanese curry at the film festival for an in-between meal (and other snacks).
- 8) 2023 Upcoming UMATR Events – **October 10:** Invite-only (Committee and MRBA) walk with Mike Kline to look at past work done on the Trout. Meet at **Montgomery Rec** at 4pm. **October 12:** Wild and Scenic Film Festival. **October 21-23:** PWSR Gathering at Jay Peak.  
Other: Lake Lessons – seeking volunteers on 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, in the St. Albans area. Walk/Paddle for the Wild @ Missisquoi Refuge on Oct 13. MRBA's knotweed bonfire, paired with Montgomery Conservation Commission programs - proposed for October 16?
- 9) 2025 Events - start thinking about priorities; we'll hammer out the full schedule during our October meeting.
- 10) Other/Public Comment
- 11) Upcoming meetings:  
October 17 – Westfield Community Center  
November 21? – UMATR office or another Franklin County location?  
Dec 5 - MRBA/UMATR annual potluck
- 12) Wrap up and adjourn.