

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee
Meeting Agenda
6:30pm Thursday, January 21st, 2021

Remote meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83801074305?pwd=SjA1Z3pVMHJNbmkpVUtGRGR3R2hidz09>

- 1) Introductions; call to order
- 2) Review of November meeting minutes
- 3) Administrative: Q4 financial reporting – Cynthia
2020 By The Numbers – Lindsey will share a year-end accounting of 2020.
Annual report/Newsletter – Lindsey will show off a draft that will be finalized for distribution soon. Please let Lindsey know if you have topics you want covered, or photos to share.
Partnership River News is a publication produced by (in part) Shana about Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers – and we were featured in the December issue! Shana interviewed several of the folks on the Committee for a “Women of Wild & Scenic” feature. Lindsey sent the link out with the January meeting announcement; please share it widely!
- 4) River Community Grants (RCG) and Storm Impacts Grants 2021: released; please help spread the word. Applications are due February 1 and are available via our website:
<https://www.umatrwildandscenic.org/grants>
Grants subcommittee – who would like to help take a ‘first look’ at the River Community Grant applications?
River Community Grants 2020 update: a few projects have been completed; others extended.
- 5) 2021 Events – still would like to set some dates and arrange guides for a Saturday and a Sunday snowshoe in both Feb and March.
Potential spring events: Clean-ups/naturalist paddles (iNaturalist “intro”?); VNRC’s Wild and Scenic Film Fest – partner?. Potential summer events: Solstice On The River event – as our ‘big event’? provide river ‘challenges’ that can be done individually, then have a celebration if gatherings are allowed [could pair with Abenaki event? Could combine some elements of the Big Falls event?].
Other ideas: ART events, Full Moon Paddle/nighttime paddle trip; youth paddle trips; “stroll and float”?; Fishing Derby?; Adult paddle trip?; Taste of W&S??
Likely partner events: Paddle/Pedal with NFCT; knotweed events with MRBA; anyone heard anything yet about community events (i.e. Dairy Days)?
- 6) Town Reports write-ups
- 7) Other/Public Comment
- 8) Upcoming meetings
February 18 – Orleans County? Zoom?
March 18 – Franklin County? Zoom?
April 15 – Orleans County? Zoom?
- 9) Signs of the season observations
- 10) Wrap up and adjourn.

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