



Missisquoi River Basin Association

Our goal is to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the Missisquoi River system so that the uses and values desired by the community are supported by the river and quality of its water.

Planning Meeting

7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3rd, 2016

MRBA office

at the corner of Route 105 and Route 118, in East Berkshire, VT

- 1) Introductions; welcome guests
- 2) Review of February meeting minutes
- 3) Administrative business
 - a) Elections – We didn't have a quorum at the February meeting.
Current seats: President – John Little, Vice President – Paul Stanley, Treasurer – Cynthia Scott, Secretary – Wendy Scott.
- 4) Financials
 - a) Website annual fee - \$99 due on March 15.
 - b) ECO AmeriCorps application deadline March 14. Cost increase: \$6,500 per site next year (increase from \$5,500 this year).
 - c) VT Watershed Grant approved. Jimmy and Lindsey are working on the 2015 report and the LaRosa testing grant.
 - d) River Rally 2016 – Final decision? Several people have expressed that this might not be the best use of funds this year.
 - e) River Network – membership expiring in March (\$250). RN is offering a webinar series: “A Recipe for Effective River and Watershed Organizations” that sounds useful (\$597 non-member, \$415 member). LCBP Watershed Association Professional Development mini-grant (up to \$500)?
- 5) Forum – Enosburg EMS building booked for March 31st (was not available on the 24th). Karen Bates is on board for presenting about the Tactical Basin Plan – probably about an hour for this. Jimmy is working on a presentation as well.
- 6) Signage – Chris Smith responded to my query saying that USFWS would still be willing to help with costs, but wants an estimate of how much. Posed some questions we will discuss, then Lindsey will do some pointed research.
- 7) Workdays – Lindsey and (primarily) Jaime are reaching out to landowners and working on meeting our TFS grant deliverables. Put us in contact with anyone you know who might be interested.
- 8) Bugworks – 24 sessions available. So far, booked at: Alburgh (2), Fairfield (2), Montgomery (1), Sheldon (3), RiverFest (1); interest from: Swanton (4), Enosburg (2), camps (7).
- 9) Bridget Butler (Cold Hollow to Canada) will present about the tracking program WildPaths.
- 10) Next meeting – April 7th, 2016; determine location
- 11) Other business?
- 12) Wrap up and adjourn