

MRBA Meeting Minutes Thursday July 3rd, 2025: Paul-Lin Dairy

Attendees: Michael Kondratowicz, Nate Chates, Wendy Scott, Sarah Cushing, Paul Stanley, Linda Stanley, Debbie Girouard, Missisquoi River Band, Sarah Lunn, Lindsey Wight, Ruby Bratcher, Ellen Fox.

- 1) **BBQ** - Thank you for hosting once again, Paul and Linda! It was another great evening on the hill, despite the weather not being perfect - thanks for letting us use the porch, too!
- 2) Review of June meeting minutes. SC motioned to accept, NC seconded, motion passed.
- 3) Administrative business
 - June Check Warrant and Quarterly financial check-in - SC motioned to accept, WS seconded, motion passed. Get w/ DG to do a quarterly budget + get QB back up to speed
 - Watershed Engagement Coordinator position description- WS motioned to accept, DG seconded, motion passed.
 - Nursery Manager update - 22 people applied, 7 invited to interview: 1 had taken another job; 4 scheduled, 1 more to schedule. Board rep at interviews? - not necessary
- 4) Grants/funding update:

Upcoming/ongoing: Awaiting decision for FY26 Tactical Basin Planning & for WUV Capacity add'l dollars.
- 5) Policies and Procedures update: Financial/HR consultant; subcommittees? Hold for another meeting,
- 6) Projects:
 - Stream Wise assessments - done 1, 1 scheduled, 4 more to go
 - River clean-ups - contact Black Creek Camp (802-827-3130)
 - Sleeper Pond Dam: permits in process; bid steps upcoming. Bids go out soon - hopefully have at least one by August 1st
 - JayLand - status update: waiting to hear from the seller
 - LCBP E&O: 2024 project and 2025 - planning Clean Water Walks and in-school/after-school programs. Will plan Municipal Trainings starting this fall.
- 7) Outreach/fundraising

2025 events and activities:

 - Community Water Walk - North Troy July 19- 2pm
 - Other CWW locations - Berkshire town forest
 - Lost pond near lake carmi?
 - Cranberry bog - Nate has connections
 - Find more private lands for public use across watershed
 - Clean-Up – July 20 in Highgate; upstream of dam
 - Possible trivia night at the Black Lantern Inn?
 - Jay Peak connection: fishing event? Casting for Recovery.
 - Other desires (just to keep track of these): figure out ways to make the association between skiing and clean water: event (or at least table) at Jay during spring runoff/Pond Skim (next year?), Jay Peak poster w/QR “donate”; custom shirt?
 - Plan a Tactical Basin Plan meeting up at Jay Peak?
- 8) Other business?
- 9) Next meeting - August 7, 2025 – MRBA office
September 4, 2025 – MRBA office

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.