

MRBA Meeting Minutes Thursday August 8th, 2025: MRBA Office

Attendees: Nate Chates, Cynthia Scott, Wendy Scott, Paul Stanley, Debbie Girouard, Sarah Lunn, Lindsey Wight, and Ruby Bratcher in office; Michael Kondratowicz, Brian Jerosse via zoom.

- 1) Review of July meeting minutes. PS motioned to accept, DG seconded, motion passed.
- 2) Administrative business
 - July Check Warrant - NC motioned at accept, CS seconded, motion passed.
 - Mailchimp - should move to a paid account (too many members!). \$27/month - CS motioned to accept, NC seconded, motion passed
 - Watershed Engagement Coordinator - Ruby will start her new role August 18th
 - Nursery Manager update - Aaron Hesse will start August 25th - Lindsey will send his resume out to board
 - VHCB AmeriCorps member - applications due Aug 15: Jan-Dec; 6 month; summer only options
- 3) Events overview: Laraway school clean-up, Clean Water Walk in North Troy, Highgate clean-up, VLT Scenic Missisquoi Paddle - some really great events, and connections to new audiences!
- 4) Grants/funding update: Received for FY26 Tactical Basin Planning (\$22,199) & WUV Capacity add'l dollars (\$4,664).
- 5) Projects:
 - Stream Wise assessments - still need 4
 - Sleeper Pond Dam: received 2 bids; tentative start date Aug 18.
 - Jay Land - status update: still awaiting a purchase and sales agreement between the Town and the seller.
- 6) Outreach/fundraising
 - 2025 events and activities:
 - Still planning: 2-3 more clean water walks
 - Possible paddles lessons with NEK guides
 - Trivia this fall!
 - River clean-ups - will do 1 or 2 more. Low water = seeing plenty of spots that could use clean-ups! Possibilities Westfield-Troy; Trout from Longley to Hopkins; Richford-Marvin Rd.
 - UMATR swimming hole clean-up Sept 6 - MRBA partner to do a roadside ditch?
 - Plan a Tactical Basin Plan meeting up at Jay Peak?
- 7) Other business? Witchcat falls dam removal - unfortunately having some problems. Wendy is stepping down as secretary - please consider if you can take this on. Will host nominations next meeting.
- 8) Next meeting - September 4, 2025 – MRBA office
October 2, 2025 – MRBA office

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.