

## **Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Cynthia's house, Enosburg Falls**

Attendees: Cynthia Scott, Paul Stanley, John Little, Wendy Scott, Brian Jerose, Ranier Lucas, and Lindsey Wight

- 1) Meeting was called to order at **7:02pm**.
- 2) Review of February meeting minutes – **WS motions; JL seconds; all in favor**.
- 3) Administrative business

**Ranier shared the names of 3 people who have responded to the Front Porch Forum post seeking volunteer assistance.**

**Lindsey will post the Project Manager description on FPF, Facebook, River Management Society & WUV listservs, and will also see if our partners will share with their contact lists. Other suggestions: Dianne Bothfeld, VAAFM, AmeriCorps Alumni. Applications are due March 25<sup>th</sup>.**

- 4) Grants/projects update

**LCBP E&O – Edible Rain Gardens: received \$6,158; will partner with Green Mountain Farm to School and do educational programs with our Orleans County schools. Will create one Edible Rain Garden at a public (school/municipal?) space. The goal of this project is to connect water quality, soil quality, and the food we eat.**

**LCBP Org Support – Strengthening Connections: received \$3,730 to purchase a new computer and to work with other groups in our watershed.**

**HMF – The official application is due next Thursday. Lindsey will be refining and finalizing this.**

**LaRosa water sampling – Due next week. They've changed it up – very limited compared to other years. We may link with other groups (FCNRCD, FNLC). Discussion about what our sampling priorities might be (will also need to get approval from Karen).**

- 5) Outreach/Projects

**Tree plantings for 2020 – Troy may not happen until the fall. 1800 trees/6 acres on order – may plant in Sheldon this spring instead. Westcom – Lindsey needs to figure out what species are appropriate there. VYCC crews/Northwoods? Lindsey will see if we can claim just a few days instead of a full week.**

**Troy property along River Rd – Lindsey has had some phone conversations about property that may be up for sale on River Rd. There are some State folks looking at possibilities, as well as some members of the public; would be best to conserve it.**

**Also: a community member called Lindsey and offered her some canoes – one we may want to use, but one is rare/of good quality and could be raffled off.**

**Other comments – Brian will share with Lindsey how he and Jaime used to figure out timelines for projects.**

**Clean Water Service Providers (CWSP) – these will be formed under the new legislation, and will help determine needs and funding for each watershed. Likely that NRPC will apply to be our region's CWSP. We have already met as a region and are happy that we work so well together.**

- 6) Events

**Forum planning – Changed to April 2, 2020. Lindsey has asked if we can still hold it at the Enosburg Community Center, and will reach out to see if Bethany is available to talk about flood resilient infrastructure, and if any of the State wetlands folks can come up. Other space options: Sheldon – new building across from the historical society.**

**Board come early, at 6pm? Lindsey will get pizza and we will chat about the Project Manager candidates.**

**Annual River Clean-Up in Westfield – July 18<sup>th</sup>. May also have an AmeriCorps clean-up closer to the lake in**

**June (during their overnight event).**

**BGABGA – August 13<sup>th</sup> is available. Need to identify funding and then secure a band (Mad Mountain Scramblers? Rusty Bucket?. Lindsey will draft a stock letter that Board members can give out seeking corporate sponsorship of BGABGA.**

**Benefit Concert – Quincy space seems small unless the bar/restaurant gets opened (unlikely). Ranier will inquire about Twiggs. Discussion about whether we should hold both events. BJ suggests that we proceed with funding BGABGA and table the Benefit Concert question for now. and Scenic? Canoe/Kayak companies sponsor? Band potential – Brian suggested Mad Mountain Scramblers, based in the Mad River Valley area. Lindsey also had interest expressed by the Dale and Darcy Cahill Band.**

**7) Next meeting – April 2, 2020 – FORUM at Enosburg Community Center?**

**May 7, 2020 – MRBA office or Cynthia's?**

**June 4, 2020 – MRBA office**

**8) Public comments – Paul and John will be on the panel at the showing of What's Your Watermark by the Richford and Montgomery Conservation Commissions on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery.**

**CS made a motion to adjourn, WS seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:01.**