

Meeting Minutes Thursday July 14th, 2022 6:00 PM: Paul-Lin Dairy

Attendees: Wendy Scott, Cynthia Scott, Jim Townsend, Paul Stanley, Linda Stanley, Craig Cimmons, John Little, Ruth Little, Jim and Barb Wakefield, Brian Jerosse, Tom Bryce, Corrina King, Eric King, William Parnapy, Ellen Fox, Kyle Elms, Millie Reardon, Lindsey Wight, and Sarah Lunn.

We once again enjoy a wonderful evening on the farm - thanks as ever to Paul and Linda for hosting us. And special thanks to them for bringing the Missisquoi River Band for us to enjoy. Cindy, Jim, and Pat were a treat to have up on the hill!

- 1) We called the business portion of the evening to order at 7:15.
- 2) Review of June meeting minutes
 - PS made a motion to accept, CS seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 3) Administrative business
 - Official introductions and welcome to Corinna King, our Community Relations Coordinator, and to Kyle Elms and Millie Reardon, our LEAP interns.
 - Discussion of MRBA employee process: Ellen is ramping up to full time work with us; this will be important so that we can be better place to take advantage of the Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) model for how state funds will be distributed.
 - CWSP model: each basin as a CWSP that works with a Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) to figure out what projects to fund. These are state dollars and are directly tied to phosphorus reductions. The Missisquoi will be getting a large influx of funds, because we have a lot of phosphorus reduction need. LW/EF hold a seat on the BWQC. The Guidance for how the funds can be spent are still being written... some concerning language remains about who qualifies as a technical service provider (for-profit companies can receive these funds!); WUV and others are working on this.
 - Question of moving Lindsey and Ellen become salaried employees - Lindsey can run the numbers, as well as those associated with moving to employees vs contractors. It will be important to continue tracking hours (this will be necessary for grant reporting and tracking anyway), and also to have regular evals, and to have this be a timely and prominent part of this switch (every 6 months)? LW and EF will investigate mandated sick and vacation times, as well as health insurance options. Lindsey will be an MRBA employee, but half of her costs will continue to be covered by Wild & Scenic dollars.
- 4) Summer projects
 - Sunday July 17th - River clean- up on the Trout River
 - Saturday July 30th – Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi War Canoe 10:00 – 3:00; VINS Watershed Wildlife program (funded by the MRBA) at 2:00.
 - Soiree – Fall 2022 the focus will be on the mid watershed towns. Investigate holding at the Quincy?
- 5) 25th Anniversary Party – Date changed to Saturday October 1, 2022. Concern: Pigeon Hill isn't heated; Lindsey will talk with Heidi about the date change.
- 6) Other Business?
- 7) Next Meeting - August 4th - location?
 - **6pm at Montgomery Rec**, so we can enjoy Tom's band at 7pm!
- 8) CS motioned to adjourn; WS seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.