

Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 2nd, 2021: Jay Peak Mountain Kids Adventure Center building

Attendees: Paul Stanley, Cynthia Scott, Wendy Scott, Lindsey Wight, Craig Cimmons; Ari Lattanzi and Brian Jerose joined via zoom.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 7:08
- 2) Review of May meeting minutes – PS motioned to accept; CS seconded; minutes were approved as written.
- 3) ECO AmeriCorps: the Northern Gathering included a service project at the ANM headquarters – removed knotweed from around their storage building and garden bed location, as well as removal of the old raised beds. This was followed by a clean-up paddle from Marble Mill Park.

Application numbers for the ECO program are down from previous years. Suggestions of places for the State to advertise? River Network, WUV, LCBP, UMV, FCNRCD, RPCs.

FNLC Tyler Place event – well attended for a virtual event; they were very appreciative of our sponsorship.
- 4) Finances: CVNHP grant – we have received this grant, but some of our partners have changed (Alex has left the SAM). If he is still on board to provide some guidance for the ethnography, then we will pursue. If not, we may ask to alter the project a bit.
- 5) Newsletter update/membership drive: Released digitally; still need to get printed and mailed out.
- 6) Land acknowledgement discussion – hold for the July meeting.
- 7) Programs and Projects selected highlights
 - Knockout Knotweed: we have been collecting weekly data for just 2 weeks; so far, so good.
 - E&O events: the second Plein Air painting workshop is this weekend. There are a few Bugworks sessions booked for the summer, but should we ask him to do anything in particular? Fairfield summer camp might be interested. Also Enosburg – are they doing movies in the park? Might be good audience to capture.
 - LEAP interns: Anthony Plante and Kendra Pepin will start in July
 - Tree planting at Randall's: half planted; will follow up with more planting in the fall, or possibly not until spring.
 - Rain Garden (LCBP 2020 E&O grant): upkeep of Jay school garden will happen this spring; install a second garden at the ANM tribal headquarters (dependent on some water line work that they need to have done) or a local school or municipal building – LEAP interns could install?
 - Water Sampling (LaRosa and Water InSight); Adopt-A-Site: all programs are underway. The DEC is providing transport for LaRosa, very helpful. L needs to get Adopt-A-Site signs made.
 - Longley Bridge Rd: D&K will do design; plan to apply for implementation funds this next block grant round from WUV.
 - High Meadows Fund Watershed Resilience: bringing on Marlina Valenta as an intern focused on this project – will do visit to town boards and committees, and plan an event towards the end of summer.
- 8) Events for 2021
 - June 20th – Wild & Scenic Solstice; help out? Lindsey will send around a sign-up for volunteer spots.
 - June 26th clean up conflicts with a W&S event; cancelled
 - July 1st – BBQ at Paul and Linda's! Who should we invite to celebrate 25 years with us? (extensive suggestions, including some that we might invite to a bigger, more public anniversary event later in the year).
 - August 28th – clean-up below the Enosburg Dam
 - Celebrate our 25th with a fundraiser – meal/auction/something?
 - Other events – W&S events, Paddle-Pedal, other community events that should be on our radar? July 20th or 22nd: Soil Health and Water Quality Webinar.
- 9) Other business: Cynthia suggested that we consider changing Lindsey's title (no change to pay structure). Suggestions included Supervisor, Executive Director – most other watershed groups have an ED. CS proposed we change Coordinator to ED; BJ seconds; all in favor.
- 10) Next meeting – July 1, 2021 – BBQ at Paul and Linda's! Missisquoi River Band play?

PS motions to adjourn; CC seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.