

## Meeting Minutes Thursday May 5th, 2022 6:30 PM: MRBA Office

Attendees: Lindsey Wight, Wendy Scott, Cynthia Scott, Paul Stanley, Marlena Valenta, Mike Manahan, Brian Jerose, and Sarah Lunn

- 1) Welcome; Say goodbye to the office and enjoy seeing each other again!
- 2) Review of April meeting minutes
  - MV made motion to accept, PS seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 3) Administrative Business
  - Office Update - John
    - Building's closing day is May 12th. We will have our next meeting on June 2nd. After a brief meeting we will help clean out the building and move things across the street!
  - Dropbox Storage Donation
    - SL's sister, Susan, works as a software engineer for Dropbox and was able to donate a Dropbox business account to MRBA in perpetuity that allows 5 TB of storage space as well as other features
  - Community Relations Coordinator Update
    - EF, LW, SL conducted interviews for two of the candidates, Susan Staples and Corrina Parnapy. LW still has to get in contact with some of the references and will make the final decision next week
  - Summer Intern
    - College-level intern will be recruited using listserve to UVM for recruitment. SL, EF, and LW will be attending the NCUHS Career fair to recruit more for the high-school level internship
  - ECO Americorps 2022/2023
    - We are funded for next year, and Sarah will serve for another year with us!
- 4) Tree Planting Update
  - PS mentioned that clarification with land use should be made with local landowners due to land swapping that happens based on hand-shakes not parcel maps
  - 200 planted today in Sheldon and last week planted 800. Split between Troy and Sheldon, there will be a total of 1800 trees planted by the end of next week
  - Randall farm has been sold at auction. Owner was a good land steward. MRBA will still need to follow up on trees planted last fall with new owner
- 5) Outreach
  - Newsletter
    - LW is working on finishing it for June
- 6) 2022 Grants updates
  - Updates: VCF Spark - ANM Paddle Trip
    - Still waiting to hear about: Partner-grant applications: LCBP large E&O - partner with Lamoille County Cons. Dist. for teacher training. Also submitted a letter of support saying we would help FNLC expand in-school programming Wind, Waves, Variables (Kurt). TNC-led-3-year

effort to build capacity for Process Based Restoration in headwater areas.

- Upcoming/Planning: DESIRES: Soiree, Concert? Water InSight (Potential sources: Ben & Jerry's)

7) Summer 2022 Events - set dates!

- June 17th - Board River Clean-up - Location proposal?
  - Boston Post to Brownway or office. BBQ after? 4PM?
- July and August Clean-ups
  - PS suggested there is clean-up along ditches and tributaries along the roadway with interns
- July 30th - VINS at 2PM at ANM Swanton Event, the war canoe will be there
- Soiree - beginning of August?
  - Set date of August 11th
  - Quincy?
  - 4-5 PM start
  - Hire a caterer
  - Invite town reps:
    - Selectbord, planning commissions, UMATR folks, NRPC (Katy Lavoie, Sean Coleman)
  - Apply for Ben and Jerry's funding
  - Propose what we do with ARPA while doing our visit with examples at the soiree
- 25th Anniversary
  - September 10th
  - Pigeon Hill Farm - Barn Owl Bistro
    - MV was told that we can pay "whatever we can afford" for renting the space.
    - Can do gift bags from the store
    - Ice cream bar? Seafood boil?
    - At least a 100 person capacity, can be indoor or outdoor
    - Music possibility with Atlantic Crossing? Prydein?

8) Other Business:

- ECC - Giddings BK - lots of different land uses (and landowners)
- MV suggested testing the river for the presence of microplastics and using that as an educational tool for student groups

9) Next Meeting - June 2nd, 2022 - location?

- Will be at MRBA office again, with a shorter meeting and ending with helping empty the building
- July 7th BBW at Paul and Linda's - 6 PM
  - May have to move date, CS and WS have conflicts

10) MV motioned for adjournment, WS seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.