

Monkton Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee meeting minutes – January 10 Jan 2014

Present: Deb Gaynor, Laura Farrell, Rachel Schattman, Sam Burr

Absent:

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm.

1. We will approve meeting minutes for our last meeting at our next meeting.
2. We drafted language for the ANAC page in the town report. Due date is Wednesday, January 15th.
3. Potential candidates for ANAC were discussed.
4. Update on Claflin easement option: Formal right of first refusal on the remaining Claflin farmland was never purchased.
5. To better maintain contact with project partners, it is suggested that we send a yearly postcard to everyone we've worked with.
6. ANAC funding is up for yearly vote at Town Meeting. (Currently \$.02/dollar.) According to external auditors, all allocations that are assessed yearly must be voted upon yearly. We discussed options to bring annual ANAC funding into compliance with best practices.
7. Sam will represent ANAC at the Selectboard Meeting on 1/13/14. *Sam had to leave the ANAC meeting at this point.*
 - a. Deb makes a motion that we support whatever language Sam drafts and brings to the Selectboard. Laura seconds. Discussion. All in favor.
8. We will make a poster of ANAC projects for town meeting and the town fair. Laura will send Rachel content and dimensions for the poster, and Rachel will draft the poster. Deb will find out about reserving a table for the poster at town meeting. Other outreach: We would like to put map on website, put info or brochure at town hall and library, and participate in the Town Fair on the Sunday before Town Meeting Day.
9. Inter--town conservation group meeting. Joint ANAC/VNRC hosted meeting of surrounding towns in Feb. to help us develop a coordinated plan for keeping forests and wildlife habitat intact and connected. Goal is an informal discussion about the work of each group, comparing goals and perspectives. Proposed: a 5--10 min presentation from each town, and 1 hr discussion. Possible dates are discussed.
10. February meeting is on 2/5/14 at 7pm.