

Monkton Agricultural and Natural Area Committee Meeting—Minutes for 11/2/2011

In Attendance

Members: Sam Burr, Laura Farrell, John McNerney, and Deb Gaynor

Absent: Sue Regier

Guests: Caitlin Cusack

- 1) Sam called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
- 2) Laura moved to approve the minutes as written; Deb seconded, all agreed that the highlighted comment would be kept without the highlight.
- 3) Sam asked to be filled in a bit on the funding ideas Pete Norris brought to our last meeting, so we summarized the discussion from our last meeting.
- 4) We discussed the three projects that passed the first level of approval with VLT, and are now in the appraisal process. Allen had asked Sam if ANAC would consider helping fund the appraisals for one or more of these projects, and Sam told him that he thought we would consider that. We need to think about this, and come back with ideas for our next meeting. We may need to draft a cover letter that would go with the application when we mail it to potential applicants, explaining that this application is something that will be one of the last steps in the process, but this is a chance for them to become familiar with what they'll eventually need to complete for us. IF we hand the application to the owners, we should discuss this, using the cover letter as a guide.
- 5) John brought up the issue that the Selectboard has not yet acted on the issue of the ANAC terms. He will contact John Phillips again, and try to get our terms clarified.
- 6) We still need a full-time alternate for ANAC, as well as an alternate for Laura for the time she will be away this winter. We discussed the full-time alternate position with Caitlin, who is interested in joining the committee. We also agreed that we will ask Wendy Sue if she would be willing to take a temporary substitute position on ANAC to replace Laura during her absence. If she's willing, we will have to ask the Selectboard to create such a position and appoint her to it later this winter. Laura may have access to email while away.
- 7) Our next meeting date is 12/7/11 at 7:00 pm.
- 8) Deb moved and Laura seconded that we adjourn; we unanimously adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted on 11/2/2011,

Deb Gaynor
ANAC Secretary