

Monkton Agricultural and Natural Area Committee Meeting—Minutes for 3/7/2012

In Attendance

Members: Sue Regier, Sam Burr, John McNerney, Caitlin Cusack, and Deb Gaynor

Absent: Laura Farrell

Guests: Allen Karnatz

- 1) Sue called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- 2) John moved and Laura seconded that we approve the minutes of 2/8/12. All voted in favor; Sam abstained.
- 3) Sue brought more copies of Conserving the Family Farm.
- 4) We discussed whether to support Allen Karnatz's suggestion that we help underwrite the costs of a new forest management plan for the Muzzy Farm, which would allow better protection of the areas of significant species by writing areas of Special Treatment into the easement itself. The Forest Management Plan would have to be approved by the County Forester and VLT, which entails hiring an experienced forester to survey the forest and design a specific management plan that incorporates appropriate treatment for the species of interest. We agreed to contact Allen and tell him that we think this is a reasonable request, but we need more details. We will ask him to attend our next meeting with more information about all the projects under consideration, as well as more information about the costs of the forest management plan and possible other funding sources.
- 5) Deb told the committee how the new website will work with the committee secretaries having authorship capabilities, allowing us to write the minutes, post items of interest, and put calendar entries up. No one else was willing to take over as secretary, at least at this point.
- 6) We set the date of our next meeting as 3/21/12 at 7 pm, and confirmed that we will continue with our standing meeting dates and times of 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month, with a back-up meeting date on the third Wednesday of the month.
- 7) We organized our committee for the next year. Sue will reapply for a new term, Caitlin will also apply for reappointment. Various people moved and seconded that Sue, Sam, and Deb continue in their current positions as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively. John will continue to archive our approved minutes and documents on the PBWorks website.
- 8) We passed around the policy ideas that we each came up with and printed; we will each email Laura a copy.
- 9) Sam moved and Deb seconded that we adjourn; we unanimously adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted on 3/7/2012,

Deb Gaynor
ANAC Secretary