

Monkton Agricultural and Natural Area Committee Meeting—Minutes for 9/5/2012

In Attendance

Members: Sue Regier, Laura Farrell, John McNerney, Caitlin Cusack, and Deb Gaynor

Absent: Sam Burr

Guests: none

- 1) Sue called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- 2) Laura moved and John seconded that we approve the minutes of 8/22/12 with the two typos corrected; all in favor (Caitlin abstained).
- 3) Laura moved and John seconded that we approve the Orb Weaver application. All voted in favor. Sue will write the letter to the SelectBoard, and submit it before their next meeting.
- 4) We discussed the information from our visit that the farm operation is viable without the two acres that will be held out. Laura contacted Liz Thompson about the Special Treatment Area, to find out what was there, and about the potential bat habitat. Laura will continue to follow up on this for completeness.
- 5) We discussed the Site Visit report for the Orb Weaver Farm project that Caitlin submitted, and identified a few typos and statements that need clarification. Sue sent Allen an email asking for those clarifications, and Caitlin will send out a revision later this evening, or as soon as Allen writes back. Sue noted that we have received the letter of support from the Planning Commission.
- 6) Caitlin handed out copies of the Willowell proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. We discussed the proposal, and asked Caitlin to convey our request that they remove ANAC from the list of named partners, since we were not approached prior to this proposal being written, and they have not understood or presented the role of ANAC as a town committee.
- 7) John will be submitting his resignation shortly, and is asking for someone to take over the maintenance of the PBWorks website. We thanked him for his service on the committee, and his creation and hard work in creating the archive website.
- 8) Our next meeting is October 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm.
- 9) Deb moved and John seconded that we adjourn; we unanimously adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted on 9/5/2012,

Deb Gaynor

ANAC Secretary