

Monkton Agricultural and Natural Area Committee Meeting—Minutes for 11/6/2013

In Attendance

Members: Laura Farrell (by phone), Sam Burr, Caitlin Cusack, Rachel Shattman, Deb Gaynor

Absent:

Guests:

1. Laura called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
2. Deb moved and Rachel seconded that we accept the minutes from 10/9/13. Deb suggested that we shorten item 7 to just the first sentence. We voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.
3. Laura asked if Sam had been in touch with Galen; he has been waiting for Galen to get back to him, but he has not heard from him. Sam will contact Jonathon Corcoran to see if he knows anyone who would be interested in joining ANAC.
4. Sam will determine what the paperwork trail on the option on the Claflin parcel is, and what it looks like.
5. Outreach campaign status:
 - a. Sam will write a testimonial about their farm.
 - b. Deb suggested we use the letter that Dorothy, Gordy, and Wes wrote thanking ANAC for its support and telling us how the town's involvement was helpful. Everyone agreed that this is a good perspective. Sid agreed to send a short note within a month about the benefits of conservation for his farm.
 - c. Sam will contact Clark for a testimonial.
 - d. Caitlin collected some information from the VLT website, and is getting permission from them (Sharon) to use their materials. She also got a testimonial and photo from TNC regarding Raven Ridge.
 - e. Rachel already sent around the testimonial she got.
 - f. Laura got materials from John McNerney about the economic benefits of conservation. She'll send those around. She talked to Orb Weaver, and they'll get their testimonial to us in a couple of weeks.
 - g. We'll try to collect all materials before our next meeting. Rachel will do the design work once we have the text and photos ready.
 - h. We should probably have a table in the hallway with information available during Town Meeting.
6. We received five copies of Conserving Vermont's Natural Heritage, and two copies of Community Strategies for Vermont's Forest and Wildlife: A Guide for Local Action. Laura will try to get some more copies of the second manual. None of us can make it to the inter-town conservation commission meeting in Brandon on Saturday, so having a meeting here (maybe in February) would be great. Laura will contact Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, and Charlotte; Rachel will talk to David Brin and Robert Turner, and Caitlin will talk to Matt Witten. Deb will call Marty and Andrea Morgante (Sam as back-up).
7. Sam brought to our attention the budget request from the Selectboard; deadline is Dec. 1. Laura will send in a request for \$475 to help underwrite the expenses of our outreach campaign.
8. Next meeting will be Dec. 11 at 7 pm. Caitlin will fix the calendar on the website.
9. Caitlin moved and Sam seconded that we adjourn; we unanimously adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted on 11/6/2013,

Deb Gaynor, for Caitlin Cusack,
ANAC Secretary

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