

Monkton Agricultural and Natural Area Committee Meeting—DRAFT Minutes for 5/8/2014

In Attendance

Members: Laura Farrell, Rachel Schattman, Deb Gaynor, Corine Farewell

Absent: Sam Burr

Guests: None

Meeting begins at 7:03PM.

1. Laura calls the meeting to order.
2. Deb moves to accept the meeting minutes from 4/2/14. Rachel seconds. No discussion. Unanimously approved. Deb will post the minutes after Rachel emails them.
3. Anne Layne has requested time at a future ANAC meeting to get information about housing and agricultural lots. Laura will extend a personal invitation with our next meeting date.
4. The Nature Conservancy has contacted Laura regarding property that may be donated to the town of Monkton within the Pond Brook Watershed. Laura will update the Committee following the meeting of the Conservation Commission, and will invite TNC representative to an upcoming ANAC meeting.
5. The Committee reviews a draft of the ANAC brochure. Deb will confirm that ANAC@monktonvt.com is a working email address, and it will be added to the brochure. Rachel will look into cost of printing and will email the committee options.
6. Discussion on how and in what ways we would recommend using the ANA fund in support of collaborative conservation of farm, forest, or recreational spaces. It is agreed that someone from our Committee (Laura volunteers) should talk to VLT and find out how VLT decided to fund 50% of appraisal costs, and the extent of their financial support of landowners.
7. To date, ANA funds have overwhelmingly been used to support the purchase of conservation easements. The question is raised whether ANA funds can be used for other types of projects. The Committee agrees that the current application and evaluation criteria is appropriate for projects that meet the ANAC mission, and is not limited to conservation easements.
8. Laura will be leaving Vermont from August 2014-June 2015. Rachel proposes tabling the discussion about how ANAC roles may change in her absence.
9. Discussion about potential new members of ANAC. Deb will invite potential new ANAC members to our next meeting.
10. Laura has a map of conserved land to put on the website.
11. Laura proposed tabling a discussion of Monkton intertown Conservation meeting.

Meeting ends at 9:05pm.