

Monkton Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes for 8/19/14

In Attendance

Members: Deb Gaynor, Laura Farrell, Sam Burr, Rachel Schattman

Absent: Corine Farewell

Guests: None

1. Laura called the meeting to order at 7:15pm
2. Laura gives Sam the keys to town hall.
3. There were not sufficient committee members who were at the previous meeting present at this meeting to approve minutes from 7/2/14. Approval of these minutes will be postponed until a minutes quorum is in attendance.
4. The concept of a town forest is discussed. ANAC is open to considering project proposals that complement or support a town forest.
5. VELCO utility pole replacements are potentially impacting Monkton wetlands. ANAC will draft a letter of concern to present to the Select Board.
6. Inter-town conservation meeting target month is February. Laura will contact other conservation groups in neighboring towns. Goal of the meeting is to develop a greater degree of coordination between Monkton and adjacent towns, as directed in the Monkton Town Plan. One possible topic of discussion is town forests and how other towns have approached this issue.
7. The committee agreed that we will use current ANAC criteria and application materials to consider applications for funding that are relevant to our mission, but are not limited to the purchase of conservation easements.
8. TNC Pond Brook proposal is discussed.
9. There is now an ANAC special collection at the Monkton Library.
10. The next ANAC meeting is September 24th, 2014, 7pm. Deb will post on the website, Sam will post signs.
11. Deb moves to adjourn meeting, Sam seconds, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.