

Monkton ANAC Meeting Minutes for 11 February, 2015

In Attendance

Members: Deb Gaynor, Corine Farewell by Skype, Laura Farrell, and Sam Burr (10:00 am).

Absent: Rachel Schattman

Guests: none

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order (9:37 am)
- 2) Discussed that Corine's and Rachel's terms expire this year, and they will need to submit letters to the Select Board requesting reappointment for the 2015-2018 terms.
- 3) Discussed this year's Town Fair (date, times, who will be there).
- 4) Discussed picking up the map from ACRPC that Kevin Behm has made for ANAC to record wildlife sightings. Deb will pick it up and bring it and appropriate markers, clips, and a table cloth to the Town Fair. Corine will bring poster board. Laura will locate an easel.
- 5) Sam discussed the TNC request. He thinks that Jon has been given sufficient information about our processes and the necessary steps, and that his end-of-March date is arbitrary and unnecessary. The Select Board is concerned about the town owning more land, particularly the liability and what the expected uses might be. Our responsibility is simply to make recommendations to the Select Board. Deb suggested that we send Jon a letter saying, here's our process, we cannot guarantee that we can meet your timeline. Please help us schedule a site visit. Sam added that we should ask Jon why he thinks it is a good thing for the Town to own this property. Deb suggested that we also contact Bob Heiser independently to get his opinions on these matters. Laura will contact Bob to try to set up a meeting with him at about 4:30 in his office in Richmond on March 2. Laura will contact Jon to schedule a site visit that morning. Deb will send Corine and Rachel our site visit survey checklist.
- 6) Deb will also send Corine and Rachel our conflict of Interest policy, and any other committee materials they have not yet seen.
- 7) Sam reported that VHCB Farm Review committee is currently active on one small application and on preparing to be involved with a large farm application..
- 8) We discussed what we should be prepared to talk about at Town Meeting, if anyone has questions, and who should answer what questions. Laura will contact Rachel to determine how available she will be for upcoming ANAC events.
- 9) Starksboro is having a Water Quality Chat, hosted by Lewis Creek Association and River Watch. Laura will send the invitation out to everyone with the details. She has also talked to both the Starksboro and Hinesburg Conservation Commissions about wildlife sightings maps.
- 10) We will have a brief meeting immediately after Town Meeting, and then schedule a regular meeting on March 11th at 7 pm at Town Hall, then a meeting with Hinesburg and Starksboro on April 11th; Laura will coordinate a meeting date.
- 11) We can switch to a morning meeting to work with Rachel's needs; Laura will call Sharon to try to schedule access to Town Hall for a morning meeting, preferably on Feb. 11. Laura will invite Hinesburg

and Starksboro for an intertown conservation meeting in March. We will hold a short organizational meeting on March 3rd immediately following Town Meeting.

12) Sam moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Gaynor, for Rachel Schattman, ANAC Secretary