

## Monkton ANAC Meeting Minutes for 6 May 2015

### In Attendance

Members: Deb Gaynor, Sam Burr, Corine Farewell, and Laura Farrell

Absent: Rachel Schattman

Guests: Alison Lesure

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order (7:10 pm)
- 2) Alison will send Word and pdf copies of the draft minutes to Deb for posting to the website.
- 3) The April and May minutes will be approved at the June meeting.
- 4) Cota appraisal – Sam noted that the appraisal is still in process and he will see if he can determine a date for completion.
- 5) Rotax/TNC update – Sam provided an update on the Rotax parcels and noted that the project was approved by Selectboard, but the wording of the motion wasn't precise enough to guarantee that town would take land. A more direct motion will be taken at the next Selectboard meeting, but Selectboard were ultimately supportive. Laura will get in touch with Jon Binhammer and ask how the property will be transferred to the town, and if the conservation easement will be transferred to VLT before the property is turned over to the town. The management plan and need for updates were also discussed as it related to possible access and educational or interpretive trails, and the importance of keeping in mind minimizing impacts on wildlife. It was noted that it is a good discussion to have about what the uses will be, but ultimately the management plans are not the responsibility of the ANAC.
- 6) Discussed the main things that the ANAC wishes to get out of the intertown meetings. Deb inquired about the plan and what the ANAC wants to do with the information now that we know how towns adjacent to Monkton operate, what projects they might be working on, what kind of information they have, who the people are, the priorities? Laura stated it would be good to keep the momentum going and have another meeting which the regional planning commission has offered to sponsor; however, since we are approaching summer, it might be best to hold off on the next meeting until fall and focus on consolidating the information into a format that can be shared with all towns. For the next meeting, Laura will send around the original agenda for the intertown meetings and the committee can come up with the exact questions to send to towns, fill it out for ANAC as an example, and then send this along with the minutes from the meetings to the other towns to complete.
- 7) Discussed the importance of backing up data independent of the website and that it would be ok to no longer use the PBworks page. Backup file storage will need to be big enough to accommodate large file sizes over a period of time. Deb will check on what size thumb drive to get. One thumb drive will remain with ANAC files at the town hall and one will stay with chair.
- 8) Thank you letter written to Luanne Rotax.
- 9) Other business:

- Sam suggested it would be good to connect with Al Karnatz from VLT and Laura will invite him to the next meeting.
- Sue Morse will give a talk on wildlife habitat in the Champlain Valley on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Waldorf High School from 7-9:30pm. LCA would like to cosponsor the event with Conservation Commissions, would Monkton like to have a table there? Corine should be able to attend and have a table for ANAC. Laura will respond to Marty Illick.
- Laura noted that it will be good to advertise a planned visit to Last Resort Farm to see NRCS and LCA projects dealing with erosion.

10) Next meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

11) Sam moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Lesure