

Monkton ANAC Meeting Minutes for 6 January 2016

In Attendance

Members: Sam Burr, Laura Farrell, Deb Gaynor, and Paul Whalen

Absent: Corine Farewell and Rachel Schattman

Guests: Alison Lesure

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
- 2) Approval of minutes from 2 December 15 meeting – Sam moved to approve the minutes, Paul seconded, and all were in favor.
- 3) Members are satisfied with Rachel Schattman’s requested status as Alternate, and agreed that no vote is required regarding this assignment on the committee.
- 4) There is an upcoming site visit for the Cota application on Saturday January 23rd from 1-3 pm. The members discussed whether or not there are any additional questions to raise beyond the questions on the site visit form. A question was presented about whether ANAC should inquire about the business plan for the property particularly since the Town may make a substantial investment in the conservation of the property, or if this question and concern is more appropriate for VLT and VHCB. Various examples and considerations of when raising such a question would be most relevant for ANAC were discussed by the members. Laura asked if there was a date for the VHCB decision and Sam responded that it usually happens after the end of the legislative session, probably in late May.
- 5) The members discussed edits to the annual report. Sam moved to accept the draft of the annual report as amended, Deb seconded, and all were in favor.
- 6) Intertown Meeting – Laura has received responses from all Conservation Commissions and will compile them into a pdf document to distribute to ANAC members and have available at the meeting. The members reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Deb will print copies of the agenda to make available at the meeting. Sam moved to approve the proposed agenda for the Conservation Commission Intertown Meeting, Paul seconded, and all were in favor. The members discussed the items needed for the meeting and who will bring what items. Paul will visit Holley Hall to learn the space and any other relevant information prior to the meeting. The members also discussed what project ANAC wishes to speak about at the meeting, and what, if any, specific areas ANAC may wish to highlight through their project choice. Spooner-Muzzy was selected as the project to feature. Laura will write up some information and Deb will speak about this project on behalf of the committee.
- 7) A meeting of all Addison County Conservation Commissions is being organized by the Salisbury Conservation Commission and Laura plans to participate as a representative for the Monkton Conservation Commission and ANAC.
- 8) ANAC’s role with the The Nature Conservancy property is complete and this project no longer needs to remain as a standing ANAC agenda item as it is now with the Conservation Commission to revise the management plan for the property.

9) Other Business – Paul is headed to Florida for the next couple of months and plans to make a permanent move there, and thus will tender his resignation at some point this year. Sam shared that due to his Lister commitments he is not able to continue serving, and he also plans to step down later this year.

10) Next meeting will be February 3 at 7 pm.

11) Sam moved to adjourn the meeting, Paul seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Lesure