

## Monkton ANAC Meeting Minutes for 3 February 2016

### In Attendance

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

Absent: Rachel Schattman

Guests: Alison Lesure, Peter Huber

1) Sam called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

2) Approval of minutes from 6 January 16 meeting – Deb moved to approve the minutes, Paul seconded. Sam opened the floor for discussion and comments. Laura requested changes to the second sentence of item 4. Laura made a motion to accept the minutes as modified, seconded by Deb, and all were in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

At 7:25 pm Sam turned the meeting over to Laura.

3) UVM Field Naturalist Program survey project – Laura shared information about the Field Naturalist Program at UVM where graduate students complete a project over the summer that is funded by a project proponent. Laura proposed the idea of completing a wildlife survey between the two hogbacks including the Meader swamp at the Rotax property, and inquired about the other member's interest in such a project. The members discussed how this project can be approached collaboratively and how it can be funded. It was also suggested that this project becomes a joint proposal with ANAC, the Conservation Commission, the Planning Commission and the Recreation Committee. It was also suggested that funding for such a project is well suited for the Planning Commission budget. Sam will bring this recommendation to the next Planning Commission meeting. It is unlikely that a survey will occur this year, but is something to work on for next year. Laura will reach out to Bob Heiser and Liz Thompson with the plan to move this forward.

4) Cota application – Laura provided an update on the progress of the Cota application. The site visit report has not been completed yet, but will be shortly, and once it is reviewed by ANAC, it will be passed to the Select Board.

5) Town meeting – Members discussed any necessary preparations for Town Meeting, including addressing the request for additional funding for the ANAC fund.

6) Intertown Meeting review – The intertown meeting was well attended and members shared highlights, observations, and takeaways from the meeting. Deb took minutes and will put these into a final format with assistance from Corine by February 17th. Deb will also request that Sharon make copies of the Vermont Habitat Blocks and Habitat Connectivity Report shared by meeting participant Robert Turner for the other ANAC members.

7) Listing Paul's opening – Paul will send a letter of resignation to the Select Board and the Select Board will be responsible for advertising and appointing a replacement.

8) Other Business – No other business.

9) Next meeting will be March 16 at 7 pm.

10) Paul moved to adjourn the meeting, Corine seconded, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Lesure