

**Town of Monkton
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
MEETING MINUTES
7th August 2018, 7:00pm
Russell Memorial Library
(Approved 12th December 2018)**

In Attendance:

Members: Laura Farrell, Sam Burr, Susan Mahony, John Mejia, Nora Woolf,

Absent: Jaime Schulte

Guests: Erin and Pete Dufault, Elise Brokaw, Alison Lesure, Shannon Kelly, Paul Wizoreck

1) Call the meeting to order (7:06)

2) John identified as note-taker – Jaime away (7:00-7:05)

Alison Lesure, Aaron Miller, Paul Wizoreck, and Shannon Kelly from Hinesburg Land Trust joined us for discussion of possible project. (7:05)

3) Updates (7:05 – 7:15)

1. Looks like Full Belly closing it will be early September. Vermont Land Trust is still fundraising as there is a gap in funding due to unforeseen expenses after they purchased the property.

2. Sam will send out email that is a flyer from VLT for Full Belly Farm

4) A potential project was introduced and discussed. (7:15 – 8:30)

- Erin and Pete Dufault and Elise Brokaw presented on this possible project.
- There is no timeline yet but that doesn't present a problem right now.
- Important to have a wildlife assessment of the property to get different avenues of funding started?
- We should meet with others to discuss possible ways to move forward. Having a map would help for next big meeting and print it out so everyone can see what we are talking about. Make a map of established properties and how this project connects might make a good corridor. There is no Monkton Town Forest but some have voiced an interest in creating one. Hinesburg has 2 town forests. Contiguous properties might add value to the project.
- We need to collect GIS layers.
- Question is who will own it?
- Could disposition of property be to Town, with Vermont Land Trust holding the easement.
- Next steps:
 - Appraisal needs to be done
 - Project costs need to be determined
 - Send Dufaults and Elise the ANAC application
 - Need to talk about town officials about a possible town forest

- We need to talk with Andrea Morgante and Marty to seek their expertise and knowledge of funding
- Options
 - Town Forest
 - Privately-owned land with easements
- We need to discuss this amongst ANAC
- Do we have a separate meeting just for this project aside from regular ANAC meeting
 - Possibly meet in October
 - We could use the fire station for more people
- Dufaults and Brokaw will attend next ANAC meeting.
- Hinesburg Land Trust will be kept in the loop.
- ANAC will send out follow-up email to summarize this meeting.
- Guests from Hinesburg left.
- ANAC discussed again whether Town Forest is our mandate? Who would do that? Is this the Conservation Committee? New Town Committee?

6) We will order 10 copies of 'Conserving the Family Farm' and make available to the town, for \$38.10. Susan made a motion, Nora seconded. Unanimous.

7) Monkton Day is on August 25. 3PM, with potluck at 6PM. We should get a map of the conserved lands ANAC has done.

11) Dates for September (19) and October (10) were confirmed by all present

13) Adjourn - Sam made a motion to adjourn. Nora seconded. Unanimous. Adjourned at 9:28