

**Town of Monkton**  
**Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7:00pm**  
**Monkton Town Hall**  
(Approved 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019)

Attendance:

Present: Laura Farrell, Jaime Schulte (also taking minutes), Susan Mahony, Sam Burr

Absent: John Mejia, Nora Wolff

Guests: None

- 1) Called the meeting to order (7:07)
- 2) Approve Feb 5<sup>th</sup> minutes (7:07-7:15)
  - a. Sam moved the minutes for February 5<sup>th</sup> be approved as written. Susan seconded.  
Approved unanimously.
- 3) Updates (7:15 – 7:30)
  - a. Potential Project 2019A Project
    - No application received as yet.
  - b. Potential Project 2019B (Option to Purchase at Agricultural Value (OPAV) project)
    - Appraisal to be completed by July as the next step.
  - c. Potential Project 2019C Project
    - Potential applicant is evaluating an appraisal.
- 4) Date for Full Belly celebration (7:30-7:39)
  - a. Aiming for Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. They will have strawberries at this time, but it is before pick your own and there may be plants for sale. They have an expanded picnic area. Music might be an option. Possibility of Susan performing fiddle tunes!
- 5) ANAC Official Documents Review (7:39 – 7:45)
  - a. Will keep VLT brochures on conservation at the Town Hall
    - These are excellent – no need to create our own.
  - b. Add Conservation Easement info page(s)
    - We'll think about how to have more of a presence on the town website.
- 6) Other business (7:45-8:00)
  - a. ANAC may have a role to play in educating about permitted uses of conserved land (such as Raven Ridge where dogs appear to be running off-leash regularly against posted policy). ANAC to share known challenges with the use of existing natural areas with the new Town Forest Committee (something to consider as the potential for a Town Forest is evaluated).
  - b. Jaime to explore with John what a suitable working space for ANAC files would be.
- 7) Fall 2018A Project Site Visit Form and next steps. (8:00 – 9:08)
  - a. Discussed the approach to the report and the site evaluation process in general.
  - b. Susan will create a preliminary draft for our next meeting
    - Overview, important factual findings, what we learned
  - c. At this point we are not prepared to make a recommendation on the project.

- 8) Other business, part 2 (9:08-9:18)
  - a. Discussed a concern regarding a parcel off Mountain Rd., which will be referred to the Conservation Commission for follow-up.
- 9) Confirm dates for April and May (9:18-9:25)
  - a. April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - b. May 9<sup>th</sup>
- 10) Adjourn (9:26)
  - a. Susan moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaime Schulte