

**Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, 6:30pm  
Monkton Town Hall**

Attendance:

Present: Laura Farrell, Chelsea Smiley, Ian Smiley, Jaime Schulte  
On Leave: Joe Roman  
Guests: None  
Minutes Taker: Jaime Schulte

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order (6:36)
- 2) Appoint minutes taker
  - a. Will be Jaime for this meeting
- 3) Approve minutes from 14 March 2019
  - a. Approved as amended
- 4) Updates on Raven Ridge
  - a. Bobcat denning area has been marked with tape to improve visibility on areas to keep out of. Signage has been improved by Ian in collaboration with the Nature Conservancy.
- 5) Jaime provided an update on the informal interest meeting regarding a Town Forest Committee on 3/18/19. The Town Forest Committee has now been formed since 3/18 and members appointed.
- 6) Discussed a temporary working space for documents
  - a. Jaime can set up a Google Drive space for the MCC. Laura will check with Steve Pilcher on what is OK for documents that are not yet official/final.
- 7) Review Pond Brook Management Plan
  - a. Discussed the conversion of the original PDF from 2003 to a working DOC version. Need to confirm it is an exact match.
  - b. Need to add three parcels to the plan description that have joined the management area.
  - c. Need to confirm with Sam Burr whether their parcel was added to the management area.
  - d. Obtained an updated parcel map.
- 8) Wetlands comments update
  - a. Environmental Notice Bulletin comments were submitted regarding a permit, specific to concerns about development in a wetland area.
- 9) Discussion of CC role in Town, approach
  - a. Laura is on the Selectboard agenda for next week to have a conversation about the role of the MCC.
  - b. In some towns a conservation commission looks at permits from a conservation perspective. We'd like to discuss how we might collaborate with the DRB. The MCC could do research on permit applications to provide input.
- 10) Dates for May and June
  - a. Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019, 6:30

b. Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, 6:30

11) Reviewed minutes

12) Adjourned at 8:12

a. Chelsea moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor.

**Agenda Items Postponed from prior meetings:**

13) Review CC Website description (7:45-7:50)

14) Elect positions—Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (7:40-7:45)

*Attached to the Agenda Draft email on 1 April:*

- 1) Draft minutes for 14 March Conservation Commission meeting (*Sent separately on April 1, but also attached with Final Agenda on April 2*)
- 2) *This Draft Agenda for 2 April 2019*
- 3) *Rotax parcels site visit report*
- 4) *Rotax appraisal from TNC*
- 5) *Draft of a request from The Nature Conservancy to ANAC (Criteria and application Pond Brook Cedars: TNC), includes a map where the Rotax parcels are outlined in red but not filled in. The filled-in areas, along with the Rotax parcels, comprise the Pond Brook Management Area.*
- 6) *Pond Brook Management Plan doc (sent separately on April 2<sup>nd</sup> but attached with Final Agenda on April 2<sup>nd</sup> as well).*

**Items postponed until next meeting:**

15) Elect positions—Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (7:40-7:45)