

**Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
13th June 2019, 6:00pm
Monkton Town Hall**

Attendance:

Present: Laura Farrell, Chelsea Smiley, Ian Smiley, Jaime Schulte, Ann Johnston Miller
On Leave: Joe Roman
Guests: None

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order at 6:02pm
- 2) Appoint minutes taker
 - a. Will be Jaime for this meeting
- 3) Approve minutes from 23 May 2019
 - a. Ian moved to accept the minutes as written. Chelsea seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).
- 4) Review Pond Brook Management Plan
 - a. Worked on edits to the plan and inclusion of additional parcels that have been added since the first edition of the plan in 2003. We will continue review separately and bring our individual edits back to our next meetings to complete the document.
- 5) Updates
 - a. Raven Ridge (Ian and Chelsea)
 - TNC is prioritizing repairing the new trail from storm damage.
 - Where they are at with invasive species management? We'll find out.
- 6) Discussion of CC role in Town (approach) & Collaborations with related town committees (Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Town Forest Committee) & Liaising with the DRB
 - a. Will discuss collaboration approaches with guest Craig Heindel at our next meeting.
 - b. Could we get an orientation from other committees on what they do?
 - c. May need clarification of our role from the Selectboard.
 - d. There is a gap in the current town structure with respect to a capability to evaluate ecological matters as they relate to town business. That would seem to be a key role the Monkton Conservation Commission should occupy.
- 7) Brennan Variance Application
 - a. Entered an Executive Session at 7:10pm to discuss the variance application from an ecological perspective. Exited Executive Session at 7:59pm.
 - b. Chelsea moved that Jaime share our conservation/ecological concerns with John McNerney regarding this application for a variance. Ann seconded. All were in favor.
- 8) Dates for July 11th (confirm) and August.
 - a. July 11th, 6:00pm
 - b. August 8th, 6:00pm
- 9) Adjourn
 - a. Chelsea moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte