Town of Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 25th, 2019, at 6:30pm Monkton Town Hall

(Approved November 6th, 2019)

Members Attending: Laura Farrell (Chair), Sam Burr (Vice Chair – recused for the full meeting), Jaime Schulte (Clerk – arrived 6:43), Susan Mahony (arrived 6:41), Nora Woolf (Alternate – departed at 8:51) **Members Absent:** John Mejia

Guests: Adam Piper (of Vermont Land Trust), Sam Burr (for the full meeting due to the agenda's focus on his own project at Last Resort Farm)

Laura called the meeting to order at 6:42

1) Burr-Doyle OPAV project information (Adam Piper)

- a. Adam discussed the evolution of conservation easements, how OPAVs work, VLT's role and approach to conservation, changes in farming over time, etc., with the committee at length in relation to this project and more generally. There was a robust discussion of conservation issues, easements, etc.
- b. The appraisal should be in hand very soon for the property. It is anticipated that a funding gap will exist and there will be a request for ANAC to participate in the overall funding mix for the project.

2) Talk about any questions and set up for Last Resort site visit on Sept 26th.

a. Included in the discussion around item #1

Adjournment

Jaime moved to adjourn. Susan seconded. All present were in favor (3-0-0), with Nora having just departed. Adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte Clerk