

**Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 4th, 2019 6:00pm
Monkton Town Hall
(Approved December 9th, 2019)**

Members Present: Chelsea Smiley (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Ian Smiley (Treasurer), Ann Johnston Miller, Kevin Lambert

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Laura Farrell

Chelsea called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Regular Business

- Review Agenda
- Set date/time for next meetings
 - Monday, December 9th at 6:00pm
 - Monday, January 13th at 6:00pm
- Approve Minutes
 - Approve Minutes for October 9th, 2019
 - Jaime moved that we approve the minutes for October 9th, 2019. Ian seconded. No edits were made after review. All were in favor (5-0-0).

Town Report

- Approve the draft 2019 MCC report to submit to the Town Report.
 - Jaime moved that we approve the 2019 MCC Report. Ann seconded. Minor edits made in review. All were in favor (5-0-0).

Stewardship

- Pond Brook Management Area
 - Continued review of the Pond Brook Management Plan

Working with Other Committees/Agencies

- Monkton DRB Advising Process
 - Reviewed a draft MCC Development Review Procedure/Rubric
 - Some edits made. Will likely approve at our next meeting.
 - Reviewed Materials for 202 Barnum Rd
 - Reviewed procedure for special meetings
 - Determine next steps:
 - Jaime will complete a Conservation Commission Findings report on the 202 Barnum Rd project, as requested by the DRB. If the report needs to be submitted to DRB before our December meeting we will have a special meeting to review/approve it.
 - Discussed working with the Planning Commission to develop town-level maps on key conservation considerations, such as habitat connectivity. This would help the DRB and

other committees reference these areas of town as needed. The DRB has expressed interest in having such maps available during their proceedings.

- Unified Planning Document
 - Report from Ann & Kevin about their research
 - Comparison of Monkton & Waterbury Unified Planning Documents. Significant differences on items like PUDs, conservation district, etc.
 - Discussed initial feedback we would have for the update of the UPD, coming in 2020. The Planning Commission has reached out asking for Conservation Commission involvement.
 - Next steps
 - Assemble feedback that we will provide to the UPD process
 - Could pull in Regional Planning to create any specific Monkton mapping needed
 - Will start reviewing maps of the town as provided by Monica Pryzperhart at her early September presentation to the Monkton Planning Commission. Will invite Monica to help us.

Selecting Priorities

- Values Mapping
 - Reviewed what values mapping is (gathering town input on what we collectively value in the context of town geography). Values Mapping event would gather info on what the town supports and wants to see progress on.
 - Compile list of possible partners (Monica P, Planning Commission, Addison County Regional Planning, etc.)
 - Identified an extensive list of stakeholders, such as local businesses, farmers, hunters, Four Winds, Scouts, MCS, those participating in sports, outdoor recreation, etc.
 - We will document what a Values Mapping event would include, to help other committees/partners decide how they would like to participate.

Report from VCC Summit

- Discussed Vermont Conservation Commissions summit
- Should link to state mapping resources on the MCC page on the town website. Other resources available to landowners/residents.
- Vermont Coverts could help with resources too, perhaps. Jaime will look at what info is available.

Adjournment

- Ian moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte
Clerk