

**Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00pm  
Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Chelsea Smiley (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Ann Johnston Miller

**Members Absent:** Kevin Lambert, Ian Smiley (Treasurer)

**Guests Present:** Laura Farrell, John McNerney (Town Forest Committee), Peter Dufault (Town Forest Committee), Caroline Alves, Nate Guillemette

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

### **Regular Business**

- Reviewed Agenda
- Introductions and discussion with potential new members
  - Discussed the role of the MCC with Nate Guillemette and Caroline Alves.
- Set date/time for next meetings
  - Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
  - Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Approve Minutes
  - Approve Minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020
    - **Chelsea moved that we approve the minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Ann seconded. No edits were made after review.
    - **Chelsea moved that we approved the minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as written.** Jaime seconded. All were in favor (3-0-0).

### **Stewardship**

- **Pond Brook Management Plan**
  - Continued to work on updates to the management plan.

### **Community Engagement**

- **Values Mapping**
  - We were joined by members of the Town Forest Committee, Peter Dufault and John McNerney, as both committees are interested in sponsoring and helping with a values mapping event.
  - Discussed how a Values Mapping event works.
  - It makes sense to do this right rather than quickly. Schedules are tight so we will do the Values Mapping event in the fall, while preparing for and advertising the event over the summer and early fall.
  - In the meanwhile, both committees will plan to do some forest hikes in Monkton with the general public, where we have permission from landowners, with the goal of getting to know our town's landscape, natural resources, etc. This should create some awareness and momentum leading into the values mapping event.

### **Working with Other Committees/Agencies**

#### **Development Review Board (DRB)**

- Discussed creating some conservation overlay maps of Monkton. For more background see the meeting minutes from 1/13/2020. The general concept is to create overlay maps on the parcel

maps. This would be useful in quickly determining what conservation aspect are relevant for specific parcels/projects.

- Some members of the commission have provided lists of key conservation overlays, such as wetlands, steep slopes, forest blocks, etc. These will be consolidated to several key layers.
- We'll work with Addison County Regional Planning to create the key overlays as maps (PDF and large table maps) to assist development reviews and the work of other committees.

### **Act 171 & Act 250**

- Kevin prepared a summary of each, which we agreed were very good. We'll review and discuss more at our next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

- Ann moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (3-0-0). Adjourned at 8:03pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jaime Schulte  
Clerk**