

**Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 16th, 2020 6:00pm
Town Hall**

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

Members Absent: Ian Smiley (Treasurer)

Guests Present: Laura Farrell, Julie Parker-Dickenson, Caroline Alves, Stephen Pilcher (Selectboard)

Ann called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

New Business

- Review Butterfly Garden plan with Julie Parker Dickenson and decide whether to recommend to the Selectboard.
 - Discussed the plan, whether the purpose would be beautification or as an attraction. Perhaps a bit of both...parking would be just down the road at Raven's Ridge if someone wanted to walk up for a closer look.
 - Should recommend that the Selectboard coordinate with the road crew.
 - **Kevin moved that the Monkton Conservation Commission recommend the Butterfly Garden project to the Selectboard. Jaime seconded. No further discussion. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

Stewardship

- Pond Brook Management Plan
 - Appoint subcommittee to make final edits and bring a draft back to the full committee.
 - Volunteers to be on a committee were Kevin, Laura, and Caroline. Adam from Vermont Land Trust may also want to join. Work to be completed via Zoom meeting.
 - Committee to complete a draft by our next meeting (April 9th).
 - **Jaime moved that Kevin create the draft of the Pond Brook Management Plan with the assistance of Laura Farrell and Caroline Alves. Kevin seconded. No further discussion. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

Community Engagement

- Values Mapping
 - Discussed what would make effective "elevator pitches" to explain what the values mapping exercise is for and why we need everyone's engagement.
 - Kevin will work on some graphical content for our community outreach.
 - Determine who will reach out to who about potential collaboration – Chelsea working on a list.

Working with Other Committees

- DRB update – it seems that some elements of our recommendations have been included in the project on Silver St. by the developer as it progresses. Less impact on the Deer Wintering Area vs. the initial draft by pulling houses in toward the field, etc. Positive aspects of the plan that we noted have been kept. In general conservation topics are also being discussed more now as part of DRB work.
- Laura is working on a list of map layers, then we'll seek some maps with the assistance of Addison County Regional Planning. Jaime to work with Caroline toward having a set of maps for Monkton to share with committees.
- Act 171

- Kevin's summary will be reviewed by Chelsea and then shared with interested committees.
- Next step would be a values mapping event with the community.
- An Act 171 map needs to be created for the next iteration of the Unified Planning Document (zoning bylaws) and the Planning Commission's has asked for our help creating it.

Regular Business

- Approve Minutes
 - Approve Minutes for February 17th, 2020
 - **Kevin moved that we approve the minutes for February 17th, 2020. Jaime seconded. No edits were made after review. All were in favor (4-0-0).**
- Set Time/Date of Next Meetings
 - Thursday, April 9th, 2020 at 6:00pm
 - Thursday, May 7th, 2020 at 6:00pm

Adjournment

- Jaime moved to adjourn. Kevin seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

**Jaime Schulte
Clerk**