

**Town of Monkton
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 8th, 2020, at 7:00pm
Zoom & Phone Meeting**

Members Attending: Laura Farrell (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Nora Woolf (Alternate), Whitney Leighton (Alternate), Susan Mahony, John Mejia (Digital Czar)

Members Absent: Sam Burr

Guests: None

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:03.

1) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. **Susan moved that we approve the minutes for June 10th, 2020.** Jaime seconded. Minor edits were made in discussion. **Susan moved that we approve the minutes for June 10th, 2020 as amended.** Jaime seconded. No additional discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-1) with John abstaining** (not present at the last meeting).

2) Updates:

- a. Selectboard request and Covid assistance progress
 - The Monkton resident-owned farms we were most concerned about have now received some funding from federal/state sources.
- b. Doyle-Burr OPAV
 - No updates.
- c. Huizenga project 2019C
 - No updates.
- d. Potential project 2019A
 - No updates.
- e. Town Forest progress
 - Town forest committee is looking to see some Monkton forests in the coming months, to get a better sense of what forests exist in town. Project 2019A might have potential as a place to start for an informal hike/visit.
- f. Document storage space
 - Mark Boltz-Robinson is working with the Selectboard on a storage solution for the town.
- g. ANAC Docs Folder
 - Will move to the upcoming town storage solution or get permission to create one for ANAC. Jaime to follow up.

3) Robert's Rules review

- a. Will review the Vermont League of Cities & Towns and Roberts Rules documents and consider adopting them as ANAC documents at the next meeting. Will start implementing by understanding and adjusting our process to the correct Roberts Rules approach to standard items, such as approval of minutes.

4) Request from The Planning Commission (7:55 – 8:10)

The PC is starting work on some revisions to our Unified Planning Document and is looking for input from other Boards and Committees: what they would like to see relevant to their work that could be reflected in our zoning and subdivision regulations.

- a. The timeline for the Unified Planning Document revisions is some number of months, so we have a little time to give input.
- b. Initial ANAC areas of interest:
 - Protection or consideration for certain classes of soils
 - Incentive to preserve ideal agricultural/tillable land (as part of PUDs)
 - Maps would need to be clear on what areas are in each category
 - Natural areas: habitat connectivity, forest & wetland protection, etc.
- c. We could approach the Conservation Commission about a joint recommendation to the Planning Commission on areas of common interest. Jaime will raise the topic at their meeting tomorrow.
- d. Past sessions on Values Mapping & town planning – can we collect that feedback? Susan and Laura to locate that content. Conservation Commission is working on the current Values Mapping effort. These would help inform the work of multiple committees.

5) COVID ideas

- a. We'll continue to have Zoom meetings for the time being. Will reassess at our next meeting.

6) Confirm Next Meeting Dates

- a. Wednesday, August 12th @ 7:00pm
- b. Wednesday, September 16th @ 7:00pm
- c. Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

Susan moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte
Clerk