

**Town of Monkton
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 12th, 2020, at 7:00pm
Zoom & Phone Meeting**

Members Attending: Laura Farrell (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Whitney Leighton (Alternate), Susan Mahony, Nora Woolf (Alternate-attended portions of the meeting), John Mejia (Digital Czar-attended portions of the meeting)

Members Absent: Sam Burr

Guests: Peter Close

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

1) Quick Robert's Rules review.

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. <http://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/anac/anac-minutes/>
- b. **Susan moved that we approve the minutes for July 8th, 2020.** Jaime seconded. Minor edits were made in discussion. **John moved that we approve the minutes as amended during discussion.** No additional discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-0)** with Nora absent from the call during the vote.

3) Updates:

- a. Selectboard request and Covid assistance progress
 - Some assistance has been received by local farms from federal/state sources. Other assistance is being worked towards.
- b. Doyle-Burr OPAV
 - Closing is scheduled for this month.
- c. Huizenga project 2019C
 - Closing is also scheduled for this month.
- d. Potential project 2019A
 - Laura and Susan met with potential applicant. Exploring funding options for a possible conservation project.
- 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. Also looking forward to the results of the Values Mapping project to inform future activity.
- f. Document storage space & ANAC docs folder
 - Mark Boltz-Robinson is working with the Selectboard on a storage solution for the town. For ANAC document storage will move to the upcoming town storage solution or get permission to create one for ANAC.

4) Election

- a. Postponing additional elections to the next meeting.

5) Confirm Next Meeting Dates

- a. Wednesday, September 16th @ 7:00pm
- b. Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:00pm
- c. Tuesday, November 17th @ 7:00pm

6) Request from The Planning Commission

- a. The Planning Commission is working on some revision to the Unified Planning Document and is looking for input from other Boards and Committees.
- b. The Planning Commission is looking to have some changes ready for voters to approve in March, which means the formal process/steps begin this October.
- c. Collaborate with the Conservation Commission: Pond Brook, wetland complex extending from Rotax Rd/ Raven Ridge, soil types, ag soils, connectivity etc. ANAC to continue coordinating with the Conservation Commission about a joint recommendation to the Planning Commission on areas of common interest.

7) Peter Close visited and discussed land conservation.

Adjournment

Susan moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0). Adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte
Clerk