

**Town of Monkton
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 16th, 2020, at 7:00pm
Zoom & Phone Meeting**

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

Members Absent: Sam Burr

Guests: None

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

1) Quick Robert's Rules review.

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. <http://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/anac/anac-minutes/>
- b. **John moved to discuss the minutes for August 12th, 2020. Susan seconded.** Minor edits were made in discussion. **John moved to approve the minutes of August 12th, 2020 as amended. Susan seconded. All were in favor (6-0-0).**

3) Updates:

- a. Selectboard request and Covid assistance progress
 - At least one farm we were concerned about has received some federal/state assistance.
- b. Doyle-Burr OPAV
 - Closing was completed and a wetland parcel was transferred to the town as planned. Will be in contact with the Doyle-Burrs on what kind of celebration would be welcomed and when.
- c. Huizenga project 2019C
 - Closing delayed until later in September.
- d. Potential project 2019A
 - No update.
- e. Town Forest progress
 - Town Forest Committee is supporting the Conservation Commission's Values Mapping effort. Monkton's Tree Warden, Mark Boltz-Robinson, who is part of the committee is holding an online and in-person session this week for Emerald Ash Borer Awareness week.
- f. Document storage space & ANAC docs folder
 - No update.

4) Request from The Planning Commission

The PC is looking for input for revisions to Monkton's Unified Planning Document: what do we think is relevant to the scope of work that could be reflected in our zoning and subdivision regulations? 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.

- a. Do we want to collaborate with the Conservation Commission? Conservation is working on the Values Mapping project and then a draft Act 171 map and related maps. They are not ready to make recommendations for the Town Plan and Unified Planning Document.

- b. What does ANAC think is most important to account for in the Unified Planning Document? Need to account for the Pond Brook Management Area, wetland complex extending from Rotax Rd/Raven Ridge, improve reference maps for different layers like soil types and habitat connectivity, and consider how the UPD could better reflect the Town Plan on these topics.
 - i. Laura will learn more about the scope of the Planning Commission's efforts and whether ANAC has time to make a recommendation. We may need a special meeting of ANAC to prepare that recommendation. Tentative date of Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 was set for the Special Meeting, if it is needed.

5) Election

- a. Vice Chair
 - **Nora nominated Susan for Vice Chair**, noting her way of eloquently getting to the heart of an issue and ability to facilitate the work of ANAC. Seconded by Jaime. Susan is willing to serve. No other candidates came forward or were nominated. **The vote for Susan to become Vice Chair was (4-0-2), with Laura and Susan abstaining.**

6) Confirm Next Meeting Dates

- a. Wednesday, September 23rd @ 7:00pm, Special Meeting
- b. Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:00pm
- c. Tuesday, November 17th @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

John moved to adjourn. Nora seconded. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte
Clerk