

**Town of Monkton
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 5th, 2021, at 7:00pm
Zoom & Phone Meeting**

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

Members Absent: Sam Burr (Alternate)

Guests: None

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1) Minutes

- a. **Whitney moved to consider the minutes of April 14th, 2021. Jaime seconded.** Some review took place. **Whitney moved to approve the minutes of April 14th, 2021 as written. Jaime seconded.** No additional discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-0).** Susan had not yet joined the meeting.

2) Updates:

- a) Marty Illick (Laura)
 - Laura shared memories of Marty and her foundational and on-going work on conservation, water quality, and the Lewis Creek Association. A positive force who will be deeply missed by many.
- b) Covid assistance progress (Sam and Laura) – no new updates
- c) Potential project 2019A (Laura) – provided updates
- d) Potential project 2021A inquiry (Laura, Jaime) – no action for ANAC at this time
- e) Town Forest progress (Jaime) – committee is in initial review of a potential project
- f) Document storage space (Jaime) – no new updates
- g) Raven Ridge (Whitney) – no new updates. Whitney to follow-up with TNC.
- h) Pollinator pathway hosted on CC page (Laura) – project was completed (kits distributed)
- i) Field Naturalist (Laura) – Laura is coordinating how the project will unfold. Vermont Gas (VGS) has agreed to pay for half of the Field Naturalist's summer stipend. 25% of the funding is coming from the General Fund and the remainder from a Monkton resident.

3) Request from The Planning Commission

Discussed our assignment from the last meeting to look at plans of other Vermont towns.

Discussed meeting twice monthly to complete our piece of this request around natural resources before September. We will find a good balance of work with the Conservation Commission. ANAC will focus more on language and less on mapping.

Before the next meeting we will review the Monkton Town Plan with an eye toward what might be missing from a natural resource perspective. We will also read the Unified Planning Document (zoning) for the same.

4) Confirm next meeting dates

- a. Wednesday, May 26th, 7:00pm
- b. Thursday, June 10th, 7:00pm

- c. Wednesday, June 23rd, 7:00pm
- d. Wednesday, July 7th, 7:00pm
- e. Thursday, July 22nd, 7:00pm
- f. Wednesday, August 4th, 7:00pm
- g. Wednesday, August 18th, 7:00pm

5) Review Minutes

Minutes were reviewed

Adjournment

- a) Jaime moved to adjourn. Susan seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:54pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk**