

**Town of Monkton
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 10th, 2021, at 7:00pm
Zoom & Phone Meeting**

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

Members Absent: Sam Burr (Alternate), John Mejia (Digital Czar)

Guests: Ann Johnston-Miller

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.

1) Minutes

- a. **Susan moved to consider the minutes of May 26th, 2021 as written. Jaime seconded.**
No additional discussion. **All were in favor (3-0-1)** with Whitney abstaining (not at the previous meeting).

2) Updates:

- a) Covid assistance progress - ARPA (anyone with info or ideas)
 - a. Initial discussion of ideas to recommend to the Selectboard.
 - Climate Change Resiliency Infrastructure (flooding/stormwater resilience to save taxpayers money in a changing climate).
 - Wildlife crossings as part of more resilient water infrastructure.
- b) Potential project 2021A inquiry – Laura to reach out.
- c) Town Forest progress – no new updates
- d) Document storage space – no new updates
- e) Raven Ridge - Whitney has reached out to The Nature Conservancy on foot traffic counts, how well the excluded area has worked this season (bobcats).
- f) Field Naturalist – Laura provided an update on the start of the summer project.
- g) Potential project 2019A – Laura provided updates. Will consider a site visit later in the summer.

3) Request from The Planning Commission

- a) We will continue gathering what other towns have already done on habitat blocks and connectivity. At our meeting on June 25th we will assemble that into draft recommendations to the Planning Commission.

4) Confirm next meeting dates

- a. Wednesday, June 25th, 8:30am to Noon (approximate) at the (new) Town Hall
- b. Wednesday, July 7th, 7:00pm
- c. Thursday, July 22nd, 7:00pm
- d. Wednesday, August 4th, 7:00pm
- e. Wednesday, August 18th, 7:00pm

5) Review Minutes

Minutes were reviewed.

Adjournment

Susan moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0). Adjourned at 8:20pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk**