

**Town of Monkton
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 7th, 2021, at 7:00pm
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom/Phone**

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Ann Johnston-Miller

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Sam was able to join us for the first 20 minutes and shared his thoughts on PUDs and zoning language.

1) Minutes

- a. Approve minutes of 10 June meeting uploaded to this link
<http://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/anac/anac-minutes/>
 - **Susan moved to consider the minutes of June 10th, 2021 as written. Jaime seconded.** No additional discussion. **All were in favor (3-0-1)**, with John abstaining (not present at last meeting).

2) Updates : 1-2 minutes each

- a. Covid assistance progress - ARPA - no new updates
- b. Town Forest progress – no new update
- c. Document storage space – no new update
- d. Raven’s Ridge – reviewed a written update from Whitney
- e. Field Naturalist – Laura updated on progress of this summer project

3) Lewis Creek Association request – referred to the Conservation Commission

4) Project 2019A – site visit date and time TBD in mid-September

5) Request from The Planning Commission

- a. Continued review of language from various towns to inform our upcoming recommendations to the Planning Commission on how zoning could better reflect the Monkton Town Plan.
- b. Considering the pressure that Monkton is facing in the near term ANAC is concerned that there will be significant development before ecological concerns are addressed properly (see article below):
 - i. <https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/the-new-vermonters-fleeing-covid-19-newcomers-find-temporary-or-permanent-refuge-in-the-green-mountains/Content?oid=31176261>
- c. Recommendations are due no later than September 1st.
- d. Samples of how to word Zoning Regs. Check out Appendix B on p 36:
 - i. <https://anr.vermont.gov/sites/anr/files/co/planning/documents/guidance/Act171Guidance.pdf>
- e. We are collaborating with the Conservation Commission who is drafting Act 171 related maps and reviewing language as well.

6) Confirm next meeting dates

- a. Thursday, July 22nd, 7:00pm
- b. Wednesday, August 4th, 7:00pm
- c. Wednesday, August 18th, 7:00pm
- d. Monday, August 30th, 7:00pm

7) Review Minutes

Minutes were reviewed.

Adjournment

Susan moved to adjourn. John seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:57pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk**