



Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee

P.O. Box 12
Monkton, VT. 05469-0012

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020, 7:00 pm

Attending: John McNerney, Pete Dufault, Mark Boltz-Robinson, Jaime Schulte
Absent: Dave Sterrett
Guests: None

Meeting held via Zoom meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Call to order
2. Values Mapping
 1. Mark noted it appeared to have gone well for the live Zoom event; committee agreed it was fun
 2. Jaime noted there was pretty good turnout, about 30 people. An online board was also available for people to use, but it didn't seem to garner much attention. A physical board was placed at the church on the ridge, been up since Saturday. Would likely be mid-January to merge the data sets.
3. Funding
 1. Grant programs to consider? Mark - applications were closed for 2020, but they might give us ideas of the process to make applications for 2021 easier.
 2. John McNerney noted that significant funding would be based on having a viable project first. There was a conservation funding symposium a few years ago, and of note were Trust for Public Land, and Nature Conservancy.
4. Tree Warden Update
 1. Mark, as tree warden for Monkton, updated the committee on the changes to the Vermont statutes for tree wardens, and that the town would be part of a pilot to draft a Shade Tree Preservation Plan. Would like it to provide guidance related to any future Town Forest, and would seek committee inputs, not only from Town Forest, but also Recreation, Conservation, etc.
5. Next Meeting
 1. The committee agreed via unanimous consent to move the next meeting to Wednesday, 16 December at 6 pm
6. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm