



Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee

P.O. Box 12
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Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2021, 7:00 pm

Attending: John McNerney, Mark Boltz-Robinson, Jaime Schulte, Callie Brynn
Absent: Peter Dufault
Guests: None

1. Call to order at 7:20 pm
 1. Prior to the call to order there was some review/tour of the new town hall and accessing the wireless network, etc.
2. Community Interest Event
 1. Committee continued discussion and agreed via unanimous consent that there shall be two event dates - one on Thursday, 09 September 2021 in the evening, and one on Saturday, 11 September 2021 from 11 am to 1 pm, so as to provide different opportunities and encourage maximum participation
 2. Jaime noted that ANAC and Conservation were on a deadline to have Act 171 work completed by 01 September; not a limiting factor for Town Forest, but their data might help our event
 3. John noted that for a prior ANAC event, people spoke briefly for about 15 minutes to present the concepts. The committee discussed the idea of a welcome presentation but decided it was not conducive to a “drop in anytime” open house forum. A flyer with questions and background information could be provided instead.
 4. Discussion should be about what the residents seen in a Town Forest. Topics for stations were discussed again and focused on: recreation, conservation, wildlife, forestry
 5. The committee agreed that, as a rule, activities which were not conducive to the long term health of the forest would not be permitted.
3. Next Meeting
 1. July 15th was set for next meeting, with a tentative interim meeting on August 5th. Committee would consider a special meeting for 02 September prior to the first event as necessary.
 2. The next meeting would focus solely on drafting the announcements
4. Other Town Forests
 1. Callie noted that she had looked into other town forests. Hinesburg has two, Ferrisburgh has one, but wasn't sure of the details. Starksboro has one also, but it is not really “used” or managed; Milton has Milton Pond, an area of about 35 acres with some trails, hunting and fishing.
6. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned