

**Town of Monkton  
Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30pm  
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom/Phone**

(Approved: 19th January, 2022)

**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 (Monkton Conservation Commission Acting Chair)

**Laura called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.**

Whitney shared that she will need to take a leave of absence from ANAC for a few months for personal reasons, following tonight's meeting. She plans to return to active participation later in 2022.

**1) Minutes**

- a) Approve minutes of December 8th, 2021.
  - i) **Susan moved to accept the minutes of December 8th, 2021 as amended. Whitney seconded.** There was no additional discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-0).**

**2) 2021 Town Budget Line Item Amount**

- a) As of 12/31/21, the ANAC fund balance is **\$122,606.24.**
- b) We anticipate expenditures of approximately \$45k relating to Project 2019A in 2022 and a second project in-progress could fall in 2022 and be somewhat larger. In addition another similar project is on the horizon, approximately two years away. We need to remain in position to act quickly...some agricultural projects, in particular, can happen fast with current development pressures. After reduced requests of \$15k in both 2020 and 2021 the fund is not well-positioned for the unexpected or a normal pace of projects over the next few years.
- c) **Whitney moved to ask for an ANA Fund town budget line item request of \$65,000. Susan seconded.** There was some discussion about future projects and positioning the ANA Fund to be able to respond to those and unexpected projects after reduced requests of \$15k in the past two years. **All were in favor (4-0-0).**

**3) 2021 ANAC report for Town Report**

- a) Edited the 2021 report. Laura and Susan will edit further ahead of a vote on the final draft next week or earlier submission of the report if needed..
- b) **Jaime moved to accept the edits to the report and authorize Laura and Susan to complete and, if necessary, submit the report on behalf of ANAC. Whitney seconded.** No further discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-0).**

**4) Updates**

- a) Covid assistance progress - ARPA
  - i) Laura was in touch with Arrowwood regarding mapping habitat connectivity.
- b) Farm list - Sam is working on it
- c) Town Forest progress - no new updates

d) Document storage space - Google Drive space has been obtained for all town committees.

**5) Confirm dates and locations/zoom**

- a) Wednesday, 19th January 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- b) Thursday, 3rd February 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- c) Tuesday, 15th February 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Adjournment**

Whitney moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0). Adjourned at 9:07pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Jaime Schulte**  
**Clerk**