

**Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 4th, 2022 7:00pm  
Meeting via Zoom/Phone**

**Members Present:** Ann Johnston Miller (Acting Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Debra Sprague, Caroline Alves, Nancy Wilson

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** None

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

### **Regular Business**

- Review Agenda
- May meeting is on the 2nd, 7:00 PM
- June meeting will be on the 6th, 7:00pm.
- Approve Minutes from March 7th, 2022.
  - **Jaime moved to approve the minutes of March 7th, 2022 as written. Debra seconded.** No additional discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

### **Organizational Meeting**

- Election of officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, Treasurer
  - There was some initial discussion of roles and member interest in them.
  - **Caroline moved to nominate the following slate of officers: Chair: Ann Johnston-Miller, Vice-Chair: Nancy Wilson, Clerk: Jaime Schulte, Treasurer: Debra Sprague. Debra seconded.** No further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

### **Old and New Business**

- Vote on AVCC tiny grant for education and equipment for invasive control
  - The proposed grant draft was reviewed and a few minor changes were made.
  - **Caroline moved to approve the AVCC Tiny Grant as amended. Nancy seconded.** No further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**
- Herps presentation – “Significant Reptiles and Amphibians of Monkton” 4/27/22 6-7:30 PM- promotion with Jim Andrews
  - Will do another round of awareness on Facebook and Front Porch Forum.
  - Will reach out to the Addison Independent to have the event added to the Community Calendar.
- Check in RE funding for a consultant to create a more complete mapping of wildlife connectivity and other natural resources.
  - Discussed that we should support the Planning Commission in seeking an Act 171-related inventory of connectivity, etc. Need a coordinated approach and possibly the help of Addison County Regional Planning. Some MCC members will attend the next Planning Commission meeting to discuss how we can help.
- Morse Park – mowing – instruction signs
  - Jaime to reach out to the Rec Committee to discuss the plan for this summer.
- Discuss considerations taken from Zapata’s wetland presentation

- We have given Zapata Courage and the Agency of Natural Resources permission to use the recording of her presentation on their YouTube channel and for the benefit of other towns. Would like more Monktonites to watch it and will continue to refer to it as a resource for what to do and not do with wetlands on your land.
- Planning Commission updates
  - Discussed above.
- Recruitment strategy
  - We still have two openings on the 7-member board. Can operate with the current 5, but should try to reach seven.
- Environmental Notice Board (ENB)
  - No current activity. It is difficult to see notices in a timely way.
- Further input on ongoing business
  - Ann contacted Sam Burr about doing a presentation on erosion control. He would like the format to be a visit to his farm to see what erosion mitigations have been put in place there. Maybe mid-summer? Ann to continue the conversation.

### **Adjournment**

- Caroline moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 08:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaime Schulte  
Clerk