

Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 2nd, 2022 7:00pm
Meeting via Zoom/Phone

Members Present: Ann Johnston Miller (Chair), Nancy Wilson (Vice-Chair), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Caroline Alves

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Regular Business

- Reviewed Agenda
- June meeting is on the 6th, 7:00 PM
- July meeting will be on Thursday, the 7th, 7:00 PM
- Approve Minutes from April 4th, 2022.
 - **Nancy moved to approve the minutes of April 4th, 2022 as written. Ann seconded.** No additional discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

Old and New Business

- Update on AVCC tiny grant for education and equipment for invasive control
 - No update from AVCC yet. Discussed the possibility of getting more parsnip shovels.
- What we learned from Herps presentation – “Significant Reptiles and Amphibians of Monkton”
 - The event was very successful with about 35 people attending the presentation in-person or on Zoom. The recording has been posted to the Monkton website on the Conservation Commission page.
- Any news on funding for a consultant to create a more complete mapping of wildlife connectivity and other natural resources?
 - Discussed whether more detailed mapping is needed for the Planning Commission process to begin.
 - **Caroline moved that the Conservation Commission send a letter to the Selectboard recommending the use of ARPA funding for a consultant to create a mapping of forest blocks, forest connectivity and other natural resources. Nancy seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).** Caroline will draft a letter.
- Morse Park update
 - Jaime reached out to the Rec Committee on 5/1 to continue discussion of the timing of mowing and on invasive species management and proposed that we meet in June or July to discuss.
- Planning Commission – hearing for UPD updates - Hearing will be on May 3, 2022 at the Town Hall.
 - Briefly discussed the proposed changes to zoning. Some members plan to attend the hearing tomorrow.
- Upcoming Clean Water Lectures with Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
 - Join UVM Professor of Geology and Forestry Beverley Wemple on May 12th 2022, for the lecture “Opportunities for Climate Resiliency on Vermont’s Rural Roads.” Professor Wemple will summarize over ten years of research on the impact of Vermont’s rural roads on water quality, and the success of erosion control measures. Professor Wemple will present opportunities to improve water health through rural road improvements while building resilience to flooding. Her insights and findings have important implications for implementing recommendations in the Vermont Climate Action Plan.
 - Register for these free online events at:

- <https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/outreach/lecture-series>. All lectures are recorded and uploaded to DEC's YouTube Channel, at: <http://tiny.cc/CleanWaterYouTube>.
- Recruitment
- Environmental Notice Board (ENB)
- Further input on direction of MCC - projects

Adjournment

- Caroline moved to adjourn. Debra seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 08:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk