

**Town of Monkton**  
**Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee**  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, July 6th, 2022, at 6:30pm**  
**Zoom/Phone Meeting**

**Members Attending:** Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice-Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), John Mejia (Digital Czar), Whitney Leighton

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

**1) Call To Order. Laura called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.**

2) Approve minutes of 15 June meeting, uploaded to this link:

<http://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/anac/anac-minutes/>

- **Whitney moved to consider the minutes of June 15th, 2022. Susan seconded. There was no discussion. Whitney moved to accept the minutes of June 15th, 2022 as written. Susan seconded.** There was no additional discussion. **The vote was (3-0-0)**, with Susan and John abstaining (not present for part of the June 15th meeting).

3) Updates:

- ARPA funding for mapping – funding was approved by the Selectboard and work on the Request For Proposals document is in-progress with a panel that includes members of the Conservation Commission, ANAC, Planning Commission, and residents.
- Farm list – how to proceed? Need to be clear on the purpose of a directory and have it be an opt-in process for farmers. Advertise in various ways online and in-person.
- Town Forest progress - a potential project is being evaluated by the committee and is in early stages.
- 2019A Application - progress is being made. Conservation value appraisal underway. Still no formal application submitted to ANAC pending budget/appraisal, etc.

4) UPD Ridgeline language review

- Where process is – timeline review
- Do we want to comment on anything, should we?
- Review relevant parts of UPD draft
- **John moved to send the following statement to the Selectboard from ANAC. Susan seconded.** “Current and proposed Ridgeline language agree that no development in the district is most compatible with the goals of the Town Plan. Currently no development is permitted, although forestry, agricultural and recreational uses are. ANAC supports leaving the existing voter-approved language in place at this time, to remain aligned with the goals of the Monkton Town Plan, pending clarification of the Ridgeline definition, identification of forest blocks/connectors, and the permitted uses within the district.” There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

5) Chris Ajello report

- Review subcommittee – Whitney & Laura to create a draft public version (confidential info redacted).

7) Planning Commission long file

- Susan has assessed the file to see what content decisions need to be made.

8) ANAC's role after projects are completed

- Raven Ridge: updates on parking and signs

9) Other business

- Whitney updated the committee about a conversation with a resident regarding ANAC.

10) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom

- August 10, 2022
- September 7, 2022

11) Review Minutes

**Adjournment**

John moved to adjourn. Susan seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:25pm.

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