

Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 6th, 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: Janet Schwarz

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Regular Business

- Review Agenda
- Next meetings (will generally be 3rd Mondays)
 - Monday, October 3rd, 7:00pm
 - Monday, October 17th, 7:00pm
 - Monday, November 21st, 7:00pm
 - Monday, December 19th, 7:00pm
- Approve Minutes from August
 - Debra moved. Caroline seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).

Old Business

- Mapping - Request For Proposals Update
 - Caroline did find a list of vendors and a listserv. We have shared the link with four vendors so far. Nancy will send to additional vendors from the list.
 - Reviewed and finished the Evaluation Table for proposals.
 - Jaime to coordinate with the RFP panel on a review session (ideally 9/26)
- Morse Park management
 - Jaime sent the proposed management plan draft to the Recreation Committee in mid-August. They will review it at their October 3rd meeting.
 - Janet Schwarz brought up the idea of using goats (she has two) to help manage invasive species in Morse Park. Discussed the timing and that coordination with the Rec Committee (and maybe MCS) would be needed. No action to be taken this fall.

New Business

- We talked with Janet, a potential member of the Commission, about our work and the process to join the Commission if interested.
- Report on buckthorn removal
 - We held a successful session on August 27th in the woods behind the Monkton Central School playground and gardens. Eight people participated and appreciated the very effective Uprooter tools obtained recently by a Tiny Grant from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions. At least half an acre was cleared. Additional sessions are planned for Saturday, October 1st and Saturday, November 5th.
- Salamander Crossing management
 - Concern about brush and other growth at the crossing was raised by a community member recently. Members of the Conservation Commission will visit the site before the next meeting and take some photos to discuss at our next meeting. If volunteer work to manage the Crossing is needed it can be organized in late fall.

- Lake Champlain Basin Program grant opportunities shared by the Lewis Creek Association - looking for projects/ideas.
 - The categories include Clean Water grants (planning and implementation), and Healthy Ecosystems grants (habitat and native species conservation, aquatic invasive species spread prevention and management, and aquatic organism passage restoration).

Adjournment

- Caroline moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk