

**Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 15th, 2022, at 7:00pm
Zoom/Phone Meeting
(Approved: October 18th, 2022)**

Members present: Jaime Schulte, Callie Brynn, John McNerney, Pete Dufault

Members absent: None

Guests: None

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

1. Review minutes: 8/16/22
 - a. **John moved to approve the minutes of August 16th, 2022 as written. Jaime seconded.**
No additional discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-0).**
2. Public Comment - None
3. Budget/Timeline
 - a. Reviewed the budget and timeline to apply for federal funds.
4. Fundraising
 - a. Discussed potential funding sources
5. Landowner/appraisal status
 - a. Appraisal is in progress
6. Cruise/survey
 - a. We have the landowner's timber cruise figures. For purposes of diligence and funding we need to assess that independently as well. The landowner is fine with us proceeding to do so. The work would ideally be completed by mid-October to coincide with the possible completion of the appraisal on the parcel.
 - b. Discussed who could do a timber cruise for us. Jaime mentioned having a good experience working with Vermont Family Forests and John agreed. Jaime noted that given the short timeframe it should be someone we have experience with and know will do good work.
 - c. **John moved to engage Vermont Family Forests for a timber cruise not to exceed \$3000. Jaime seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-0).**
7. On-going:
 - a. ARPA proposal - will continue to prepare the 9-point application for funding
8. Determine time/date of next meeting
 - a. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th.

Adjournment

Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor. Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes taken by Jaime Schulte.