

**Town of Monkton**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 3rd, 2022 7:00pm**  
**Meeting via Zoom/Phone**

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

**Members Absent:** Caroline Alves

**Guests Present:** Ivor Hughes (Planning Commission)

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

### **Regular Business**

- Review Agenda
- Next meetings (will generally be 3rd Mondays)
  - Monday, October 17th, 7:00pm
  - Monday, November 21st, 7:00pm
  - Monday, December 19th, 7:00pm
- Approve Minutes from September 6th, 2022
  - **Debra moved to approve the minutes of September 6th, 2022 as written. Ann seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

### **Old Business**

- Mapping - Request For Proposals Update
  - We have received six proposals and have individually ranked them. Those rankings were compiled for this meeting and we plan to meet next with the top three. Questions from the individual reviews will be consolidated this week and we will reach out to arrange meeting times.
  - Nancy to prepare a note to vendors who are not selected (on hold pending a final selection).
  - We will meet with the Selectboard on the 11th to update them and plan to make a final selection at our meeting on the 17th.
- The Lewis Creek Association requests a letter of support for their grant application (Lake Champlain Basin Program) focused on efforts to manage invasive aquatic plants, such as knotweed, using boat launch stewards and test areas to manage knotweed.
  - **Jaime moved to send a letter in support of the Lewis Creek Association's grant application. Nancy seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).** Ann will send a letter.
- New member!
  - A warm welcome was given to our new member, Janet Schwarz!
  - Jaime will help coordinate with our webmaster to get Janet a Monkton email account.

### **New Business**

- Report on buckthorn removal
  - We held a second successful session of buckthorn removal on October 1st in the woods behind the Monkton Central School playground and gardens. Five people participated and appreciated the very effective Uprooter tools obtained recently by a Tiny Grant from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions. Additional areas adjacent to the playground were cleared of buckthorn. We are planning an additional session on Sunday, November 13th, from 1-3pm.

### **Adjournment**

- Caroline moved to adjourn. Jaime seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaime Schulte  
Clerk