

Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 21st, 2022 7:00pm
Meeting via Zoom/Phone

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

Members Absent:

Guests Present:

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

Regular Business

- Review Agenda
- Next meetings (will generally be 3rd Mondays)
 - Monday, December 19th, 7:00pm
 - Monday, January 16th, 7:00pm
 - Monday, February, 20th, 7:00pm
- Approve Minutes from October 17th, 2022
 - **Debra moved to approve the minutes of October 17th, 2022 as written. Ann seconded?.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-2)**, with Nancy and Janet abstaining.
- Approve Minutes from October 25th, 2022
 - **Jaime moved to approve the minutes of October 25th, 2022 as amended. Debra seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-2)**, with Nancy and Janet abstaining.
- Approve Minutes from November 11th, 2022
 - **Ann moved to approve the minutes of November 11th, 2022 as amended. Caroline seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-2)**, with Nancy and Janet abstaining.

Old Business

- Discuss Kick-off meeting with Arrowwood Environmental
 - Clarify forest block ranking
 - Approach/methodology, hours involved/budget?
 - Task delivery & payment clarification
 - How will task deliverables be provided and accepted?
 - Field work in December & May
 - Would MCC participation be helpful?
 - Walkthrough of the project, methodology, what deliverables might look like at each step.
 - Ann to contact Arrowwood with proposed Kickoff meeting dates of December 5th (afternoon) or on the 6th (any time).
- Budget and spending
 - Still have some budget remaining for 2022 and will order another Uprooter. These have been very useful in buckthorn eradication this year.
 - Budget request for 2023 (total \$800):
 - Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions membership - \$50
 - Sending members to events/conferences. - \$100
 - Other activities (hosting a town event, etc.) - \$150
 - Educational opportunities (presenter, etc.) - \$500
 - **Caroline moved to approve the proposed budget for 2023. Ann seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (6-0-0).**
 - Ann will send our budget request to the Selectboard.

- Nancy will work on a draft of the 2022 MCC report for the town report (likely to be due in January).
- Morse Park management plan
 - Updates from John Zaikowski, Rec Committee Chair:
 - 10/4 - John and Adam Crary will be the Rec Committee leads on the draft management plan. They have not had an opportunity to review the new draft yet.
 - 11/12 - John has reviewed it and forwarded comments to Adam for his own review. John notes that given it is a complete re-write of the earlier draft, and it contemplates a replacement of the prior Morse Park Management Plan, he will likely need to bring it back to the Rec Committee before engaging with the Commission further. No timeframe for that yet.
 - Jaime will inquire with John Zaikowski regarding the timeline. The MCC would like to have a working draft by spring 2023 with engagement by the core working group sooner.

Adjournment

- Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk