

Monkton ANAC
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, 11th January 2023

6:30 pm Zoom meeting

Zoom and Phone info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4988298750?pwd=UVB1T25SUVFoUzI3YjM3Z1lBZ3E5QT09>

Meeting ID: 498 829 8750 Passcode: 1762 Phone: +1 929 436 2866

Members Attending: Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk)

Members Absent: John Mejia (Digital Czar), Whitney Leighton (on leave)

Guests: None

Laura called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

1) Approve minutes of 15th Nov and ~~13~~ 20th Dec 2022 meetings:

- Will postpone November 15th until our next meeting.
- **Jaime moved to accept the minutes of December 20th, 2022 as written. Susan seconded.** There was no further discussion. **The vote was (3-0-0).**

2) Updates:

- ARPA mapping status - next meeting with the vendor (Arrowwood) is in February
- Town Forest progress - the committee is discussing an option to purchase the parcel of interest with the landowner and Vermont Land Trust. If that moves forward the committee will turn toward community engagement.
- 2019A/Close application(s) and next steps: the project is on track to close in February

3) ANAC Report for 2022

- Edited a draft of the 2022 ANAC report.
- **Jaime moved to approve the ANAC report for the Monkton Town Report pending confirmation of certain figures and asked Laura Farrell to send it to the Town Clerk when ready. Susan seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (3-0-0).**

4) Chris Ajello report

- Review subcommittee – Jaime, Susan, Whitney, Laura
- Next steps – Susan will review the Whitney and Laura edits

5) ANAC will send a note expressing congratulations to the Linehans on the conservation of their farm and offer to host a celebration in the spring when the weather is warmer.

6) We will send a thank you note to Chris Ajello for his work on the Ecology of North & Western Monkton which added immensely to our understanding of Monkton's natural resources and communities. The presentation of his work can be found on the Conservation Commission page of the Monkton website.

7) Town Meeting planning (Saturday, 4th March)

- Discussed questions that might come up at Town Meeting
- We could have a table display and an updated infographic

8) Planning Commission Survey

- Survey – need to go over 2005 and 2016 surveys and compose a new one. Next steps would be to invite the Planning Commission to attend an ANAC meeting to coordinate on survey content. We should coordinate with Town Forest as well, as they are also considering a survey. It would be best to consolidate into one mailing.

9) Other business

- The option to hold entirely remote meetings is expiring on January 15th. We will return to having hybrid meetings going forward, rather than entirely remote.

From the Vermont League of Cities & Towns:

On January 18, 2022, Governor Scott signed **Act 78** into law. The purpose of the Act is to allow public bodies to “organize and hold open meetings in a manner that will protect the health and welfare of the public while providing access to the operations of government.” The Act does this by allowing temporary Open Meeting Law procedures that will remain in effect until January 15, 2023. Among the temporary allowances is that municipal public bodies can hold completely remote meetings through electronic participation only, without designating a physical meeting location, and electronic posting for agendas and special meeting notices.

<https://www.vlct.org/resource/remote-only-public-meetings-2022-toolkit>

10) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom

- Wednesday, Feb 8th, 2023
- Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

11) Reviewed Minutes

Adjournment

Laura moved to adjourn. All were in favor (3-0-0). Adjourned at 8:44pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte, Clerk**