

**Town of Monkton**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 16th, 2023 7:00pm**  
**Meeting at Town Hall and 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:** None

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

There was no public comment.

- Regular Business
  - Reviewed Agenda
  - Next Meetings:
    - Monday, February 20th
    - Monday, March 20th
  - Approve Minutes from Dec. 19th
    - **Nancy moved to accept the minutes of Dec. 19th, 2022 as amended. Debra seconded.** There was no further discussion. **The vote was (5-0-0) in favor.**
- Engagement of community in the Natural Resources mapping project update
  - Nancy reached out to ACRPC to request a large map of Monkton for the purpose of community members marking known wildlife crossings in town. This information will be combined with other sources to build our understanding of where active wildlife crossings are located in Monkton.
- Amphibian crossing maintenance/mow planning
  - The amphibian crossings are in very good condition. The MCC will reach out to Chris Slesar, who has been doing the brush cutting / weed whacking to see if he needs help to maintain them annually.
  - We would like to learn what groups are monitoring amphibians at the crossing.
- Review Morse Park Management Plan and draft from Rec. committee.
  - The MCC briefly reviewed the draft from the Recreation Committee. Jaime will reach out to Rec to arrange a meeting of the subcommittees that will continue working on the draft. Members of the MCC subcommittee are currently Nancy and Jaime, with Janet as alternate (or possibly 3rd member). We will propose expanding the subcommittees to three from MCC and three from Recreation.
- Review Letter of Support: Bernie Paquette's proposal to the VT State Legislature, requesting that the State of Vermont *declare a Vermont Invasive (management) Day*.
  - **Jaime moved to approve the draft letter in support of a Vermont Invasive Species Awareness Day. Ann seconded.** It was noted that the Legislature may change the name as they see fit. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**
- Other Business
  - Ivor Hughes was interested in an update on the mapping project to make a report to the Planning Commission. Ann is reaching out to Arrowwood Environmental to establish a date for our planned February meeting with Arrowwood.
  - Discussed communication via email. As a general rule we will copy the Commission members on communications/actions taken by individual members, such as reaching out to the Recreation Committee. This is not required, but helps to keep everyone in the loop. Discussed that we cannot have a conversation over email, but can receive/observe email. Also reviewed that it is best to use the Monkton email system directly for any town email activity. If using a personal email (such as gmail) for greater visibility to Monkton-related emails (town business) it is necessary to copy your own Monkton email address as a recipient, to make sure the email is part of the public record.

## **Adjournment**

- Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaime Schulte  
Clerk