Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

January 17, 2023

Approved: 02/07/2023

Present: Gayle Grim, Marilyn Cargill(co-chair) Ivor Hughes, Peter Close, Wendy Sue Harper(co-chair), Lee Mahony, Gary Strait

Absent: None Visitors: Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill @ 7:06pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the 01/03/2023 were moved by Ivor Hughes and seconded by Lee Mahony. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Town Plan- Action items in the Town Plan that still need to be completed were reviewed. Wendy Sue Harper said categories of Viewshed, and Water should be addressed, and a survey could guide future activities. Development of the Ground Water Overlay district: the well survey that was done several years ago would provide good data.

UPD- The Select Board is holding a hearing on the proposed UPD changes.

Forest Integrity- Ivor Hughes said that the Conservation Commission has checked in with Arrowwood Environmental. Information may be presented at the town meeting. A February update is expected. There may be an interactive map.

Census- The Town Plan will have updated census data. Marilyn Cargill, Wendy Sue Harper and Gary Strait will work on the project. They will get together 01/22 to complete.

Housing Sub-Committee- Wendy Sue Harper said Sam Burr expressed to her that Monkton should pursue moderate priced housing. He is interested in attending a meeting. The cost of construction and lack of municipal water and sewer makes low priced housing, especially single family, prohibitive.

Gayle Grim mentioned the bill co-sponsored (VT H0068) that is being introduced in the state legislature that would take some zoning out of local control out of local towns.

Zoning updates: None

Future Vision for the Town- Several members think it would be a good idea to get some help facilitating a visioning session and population growth expectations over the next 10-20 years.

Updates:

Peter Close's property is in the process of being conserved. Other property owners near him have expressed interest in conserving their land as well.

Lee Mahony made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Close seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM

The next meeting is scheduled on February 7, 2023 @ 7pm.

These minutes are submitted by Gayle C Grim- Monkton Planning Commission-Clerk.