Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 8th February 2023 6:30 pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

(Approved: TBD)

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

John Mejia (Digital Czar)

Members Absent: Whitney Leighton (on leave)

Guests: Ann Johnston-Miller (Conservation Commission)

Laura called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

1) Approve minutes of 15 Nov 2022 & 11 Jan 2023 meetings:

- John moved to accept the minutes of November 15th, 2022 as written. Jaime seconded. There was no further discussion. The vote was (3-0-1). Susan abstained.
- Jaime moved to accept the minutes of January 11th, 2022 as written. Laura seconded. There was no further discussion. The vote was (3-0-1). John abstained.

2) Updates:

- ARPA mapping status
 - o Our next meeting with Arrowwood will be on February 27th.
- Town Forest progress
 - The Town Forest Committee will be updating the Selectboard and community in the coming weeks and at Town Meeting about progress and next steps in the lengthy, but promising, journey toward establishing a town forest.
- Raven Ridge: parking, upcoming bobcat closure
- Jaime provided an update on remote meetings, which have been renewed as an option by the Legislature.

3) Chris Ajello report

• Susan moved to accept the edits of the review committee and have Laura produce the final report for posting to the website. Jaime seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor (4-0-0).

4) 2019A/Close Project

- The project is on track to close this month.
- The request for funds from the ANA Fund, recently approved by the Selectboard, will likely be reduced as additional funding was procured. We will coordinate with the Selectboard.

5) Town Meeting planning (Saturday 4th March, school gym)

• Discussed table setup and supplies, infographic, etc.

- Coordinating with the Conservation Commission on the Monkton Mapping Project.
- We will post our project spreadsheet, infographic, Chris's report, etc., to the website.

6) Confirm next meeting date(s) and locations/zoom

- Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, 6:30pm
- Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, 6:30pm

7) Reviewed Minutes

Adjournment

John moved to adjourn. All were in favor (4-0-0). Adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jaime Schulte, Clerk