

Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 20th, 2023 7:00pm
Meeting 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 7:03pm.

1) Public Comment

- a) There was no public comment.

2) Regular Business

- a) Review Agenda
- b) Next Meetings:
 - (1) Monday, February 27th, 1:00-2:00pm
 - (2) Monday, February 27th, 6:30-7:30pm
 - (3) Monday, March 20th, 7:00pm
 - (4) Monday, April 17th, 7:00pm
- c) Approve Minutes from Jan. 16th
 - (1) **Ann moved to accept the minutes of Jan. 16th, 2023 as written. Janet seconded.** There was no further discussion. **The vote was (4-0-0) in favor**, with Nancy having not yet joined the meeting.

3) Arrowwood Environmental 2/27 meeting prep

- a) Discussed a list of questions and follow-ups for the meeting on Monday.
- b) Online tool for community input on wildlife sightings.

4) Town Meeting Day prep

- a) Easel is at Town Hall for the wildlife sightings. Jaime will bring a table.
- b) Need a Mapping project update/summary and timeline for the remainder of the project. Purpose, progress, timeline, etc. Nancy will work on a draft next week.

5) Engagement of community in the Natural Resources mapping project update

- a) Large easel-size map was obtained and is ready for Town Meeting 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.

6) Update on Morse Park Management Plan - meet with Rec

- a) We will propose 3/1 7:00pm for the Management Plan working group. Jaime will contact the Rec Committee to confirm.

7) Update on Town Forest Progress

- a) Jaime provided an update on Town Forest progress. The project is moving forward after an option to purchase was signed (still a long way to go to obtain needed grants and other funding). The Town Forest Committee will have an update for the community at Town Meeting.

Adjournment

- Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk