

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

02/07/2023

Approved : _02/21/2023__

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

Absent: Gary Strait Visitors: None Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill @ 7:02pm

Minutes: The minutes of the 01/17/2023 were moved by Lee Mahony and seconded by Peter Close. The minutes were accepted as amended.

A. Housing Sub-Committee –

1.The status and content of bill VT- H68 in the state legislative session. The proposed zoning changes are significant. However, they have a long way to go in the legislative process.

2.Document for Vermont housing resources has been added to the Planning Commission page on the town website.

3. Wendy Sue Harper suggested that we hold housing committee meetings just before the Planning Commission meeting.

B. Town Plan-

1)Viewshed- Ivor Hughes is working to identify sensitive areas, based on the Viewshed Survey, and prescribe protection in clear language of the town's preference. Monkton Scenic Viewshed Study is on our website.

2)Forest Integrity- There is a meeting on 02/27/2023 with Arrowwood Environmental to provide an update on their project. Act 171 may have some effect if it moves through the legislative process.

3)Census- Gary Strait, Wendy Sue Harper, and Marilyn Cargill met to work on this. Marilyn Cargill has requested updated numbers from Monkton Central School. Maddie from ACRPC will come to our next meeting @ 7:15pm, to help us with some questions that we have about the census data. Gary Strait will get updated US census data for Monkton and Addison County. Another town survey will be due in 2025.

C.Future Vision of the Town- No update.

D.Zoning- No Update

E.UPD – The UPD was passed by the Select Board. The next step is the town vote.

Update

Town Forest - The Town Forest Committee has made progress. There may be an update in several weeks.

Select Board – UPD passed. There is a new person on the Select Board- Walt Crandall. He took the place of Bill Martin. The Town Meeting will be held in person.

Energy Committee- School roof is not appropriate for solar. The fire station may be suitable. A back up battery for the town hall is being investigated.

ACRPC – Money may be available to individuals for accessory dwelling unit development. It suggested was agreed that we should post the information on the town website and in The Front Page Forum when available.

DRB- Peter Close will report on their minutes.

Gayle Grim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lee Mahony seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

The next meeting is scheduled on February 21, 2023 @ 7pm.

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