

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

02/21/2023

Approved : _03/07/2023_

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

Absent: None Visitors: Maddison Shropshire (ACRPC) Mail: None

Public Comments: None

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill @ 7:00pm

Minutes: The minutes of the 02/07/2023 were moved by Lee Mahony and seconded by Peter **Close**. The minutes were accepted as amended.

A. Census Information- ACRPC Visit – Maddison Shropshire of ACRPC visited to explain the anomalies and confusing population data we received. Several members had specific questions for her. In the end, Maddison Shropshire said that she will work on and send corrected charts. The 2021 data was not correct, and the charts will be reconfigured to be clear.

Ivor Hughes noted that housing is being purchased by people outside of the area, and young Vermonters are priced out. He also noted that the incoming kindergarten class for next year is much larger than the last few years. Young Vermonters have been pushed out. Marilyn Cargill pointed out that towns with town water and sewer can build more affordably. Maddison Shropshire left at 8:00pm.

B. Housing Sub-Committee –

Gayle Grim provided an update on the Omnibus Housing Bill that is currently under consideration by the Vermont State Legislature. Gary Strait said that he would like to learn more about Monkton area traffic patterns and data.

Hinesburg is building many more housing units, but they have been planning for growth for 30 years.

C. Town Plan-

- 1) Forest integrity study: Conservation Commission will have update meeting on Feb 27, 2023.
- 2)Future Vision of the Town- Wendy Sue Harper presented the idea Vermont Council of Rural Development may be able to help Monkton complete this project.

D. Zoning- No Update

E.UPD – Vote is on town meeting day. Sample Ballot is on the town website.

Updates

Town Forest – Ivor Hughes said the Select Board has identified a potential location for a town forest.

Select Board – Water quality at town hall is an issue. Erosion of lower parking area need to be addressed.

Energy Committee- There is a summary in the town report.

ANAC- Wrapping up the conservation of Peter Close's property.

Ivor Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Lee Mahony seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

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

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