Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 22nd, 2023, at 7:00pm
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom
(Approved: March 21st, 2023)

Members present: Callie Brynn (Chair), John McNerney, Jaime Schulte, Peter Dufault
Members absent: None
Guests: Bob Heiser (Vermont Land Trust)

Callie called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1. **Public Comment (10 minutes)**
   a. There was no public comment.

2. **Review the Minutes of 02/07/23**
   a. **John moved to approve the minutes of February 7th, 2023 as written. Peter seconded.** There was no additional discussion. **All were in favor (4-0-0)**.

3. **2/14/23 Selectboard meeting recap**
   a. Jaime and Bob reviewed the scope of the project, proposed budget, etc., with the Selectboard on 2/14. The Selectboard expressed support for the direction of the project. There was a request to follow up on a few items, including how the town might best contribute to maintenance of Old Airport Rd., which we would become partially responsible for as a landowner using it for access, the town's legal fees, etc. We are working on that follow-up.

4. **Project Timeline**
   a. Info sessions are coming up in March, it will be discussed at Town Meeting. Funding application milestones coming up soon and are being worked on.

5. **Community outreach**
   a. Info will be added to the Town Forest page on the town website.
      i. Project Summary, Map, Budget, VLT easement summary. Reference to the page of the Town Report that covers the Town Forest Committee.
   b. We will update the Old Airport Road residents as soon as information is posted to the website, some of whom have attended recent Town Forest Meetings to inquire on project status.
   c. We will post info to Front Porch Forum by early next week, ahead of Town Meeting.
   d. There will be a table at Town Meeting on March 4th with information and an update in the meeting.
   e. Community Info Sessions will follow on March 9th and 18th.

  f. Some site walks at the parcel for the community will be scheduled when weather and mud season allow.

6. **Town Meeting Day**
   a. There will be a table with info (same as the website), will provide a brief overview of the project, and encourage participation in the upcoming Community Informational Sessions.

7. **Info Sessions**
   a. Thursday, March 9th, 7:00pm-8:30pm
   b. Saturday, March 18th, 10:00am-11:30am

8. **Access**
   a. Parking area(s) on Hardscrabble appear feasible. We will arrange a visit by the Road Foreman. Evaluating potential parking on Old Airport Rd. as well.

9. **Federal funding**
   a. The Community Forest Program grant is not yet open for applications, but we are prepared to pursue it when it is.

10. **Confirm date of next meeting(s)**
    a. Thursday, March 16th, 7:00pm
    b. Wednesday, April 5th, 7:00pm
    c. Thursday, April 20th, 7:00pm

Adjournment

Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (4-0-0). Adjourned at 9:41pm.

Minutes taken by Jaime Schulte.