

Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, 22nd March 2023, 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom & Phone Only

Zoom and Phone info:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024533800?pwd=QnlTb20weWwxTEhuSmZ2RENyR3ZzUT09>

Alternatives to the link: go to zoom.us on a web browser (or open Zoom app) and select Join Meeting or if joining by phone call (646)558-8656. Enter the meeting ID: 802 453 3800 and passcode 1762.

Members present: Laura Farrell (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), John Mejia (Digital Czar)

Members absent: Susan Mahony (Vice Chair)

Members on leave: Whitney Leighton

Guests: None.

- 1) Call the meeting to order (6:30)
- 2) Approve minutes of 8 Feb 2023 meeting, uploaded to this link: (6:31 – 6:38)
<http://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/anac/anac-minutes/>
 - o Updated final minutes need posting from Nov on (maybe farther back)
 - o Is date correct on final draft of 20 Dec minutes?
- 3) Updates : 1-2 minutes each (6:38 – 6:53)
 - ARPA mapping status (Jaime)
 - End at 8:15 or earlier *reminder*
 - Open meeting law – how are we doing?
 - Chris Ajello report (Laura)
- 4) Raven Ridge: parking, bobcat closure, Richmond discussion on Conservation & Rec (Laura)
- 5) Town Forest progress (Jaime) (6:53 – 7:10)
Consider an expression of support for the Town Forest project under the standing town forest update item or as a new agenda item at the next meeting. That could perhaps take the form of a vote to endorse the project and/or a letter saying the same.
- 6) Close and Linehan Project closings –updates and planning (Laura) (7:10 – 7:20)
- 7) Planning for additional and aggregate forest projects (7:20 – 7:40)
- 8) Planning Commission Survey (7:40 – 7:50)
 - Survey – go over 2005 and 2016 surveys and compose new one (*See 2 attachments*)
 - Invite Planning Commission to attend an ANAC meeting
- 9) ANAC's role after projects are completed (7:50 – 8:00)
 - Self-guided tour around places ANAC has helped conserve. (Date, food?)
 - Plan a project narrative/context to refer back to – i.e. Raven Ridge and Orb Weaver, etc.

Project spreadsheet attached for guidance

- 10) Planning Commission long file (8:00 – 8:05) (Susan)
 - Should we forge ahead, given the changing landscape? Other towns can always update it and share their findings.
 - What needs to be done?
 - Start pecking away at it
- 11) Other business (8:05 – 8:07)
- 12) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom - (8:07 – 8:10)
 - Wed April 12
 - May ??
- 13) Review Minutes (8:10 - 8:15)
- 14) Adjourn (8:15)

Attachments: accompanying 22Mar23 Agenda:

- 1) Spreadsheet of ANAC Projects so we can contemplate a project narrative
Hopefully with final Agenda draft:***
- 2) 2023 Infographic - THANK YOU JOHN!!!***

To be displayed as needed at meeting:

- 3) 2005 Planning Commission Town Survey***
- 4) 2016 Planning Commission Town Survey***
- 5) Planning Commission long file - Susan***

In the wings:

- 1) Farm list – review Whitney’s google form*
- 2) ANA Fund Criteria and Application Form*
- 3) Document storage space training date (Jaime)*

On the horizon as time permits/situation warrants:

- Raven Ridge updates (invasive loosestrife vs native winged loosestrife, bobcat den area)
- Edit site visit form
- Discuss modified versions of Conservation Commission documents (*off of revisions*)
 - *Conservation Commission Orientation Packet Cover Sheet*
 - *CC Rules and Procedures for CC*
 - *VLCT Model Rules of Procedure for Municipal Bodies*
- Archives for ANAC documents
- ANAC Handbook so future members can get up to speed more quickly. A start up section on background things that are helpful, Monkton Conflict of Interest info, basic info.
- A committee review of Open Meeting Law (and Executive Sessions), especially posting agendas and minutes.