

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

04/04/2023

Approved : _04/18/2023__

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

Absent: Gary Strait Visitors: Jaime Schulte, Callie Brynn Mail: None

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

Election of Officers: Peter Close made a motion to continue with the current slate of officers, it was seconded by Lee Mahony. A vote was taken and it was approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: The minutes of the 03/21/2023 were moved by Lee Mahony and seconded by Ivor Hughes. The minutes were accepted as amended.

A. Housing Sub-Committee – A Vermont housing bill continues to move through the legislature.

B. UPD- Maddie Shroppshire of Addison Country Regional Planning (ACRPC), has delivered updated census data. Gary Strait, Marilyn Cargill and Wendy Sue Harper will continue to work on updating these numbers.

C. Town Forest- Callie Brynn and Jaime Schulte visited via Zoom. A property has been identified. Applications for funding grants of up to \$770,000 have been completed. The committee is focusing on community engagement, \$150,000 of ARPA and/or ANAC funds are also being explored for availability.

The committee will also request some funding from the Town of Monkton. Ivor Hughes asked that if Old Airport Road is still private, could it be made a town road? Callie Brynn said that 5 of the 7 households are supportive of the town forest.

Ivor Hughes also asked if they are going to have assistance in writing the management plan. A management plan must be in place just after closing, which could happen in early 2024. There are existing logging roads/trails on the property. A. Johnson has owned the property for about 50 years. Ponds are from the old kaolin mines.

Ivor Hughes, Marilyn Cargill & Gayle Grim will endeavor to visit the forest property in early May.

The MPC thanked Jaime Schulte and Callie Brynn for their work and for joining us tonight. They left the meeting at 8:01pm.

D. Forest Integrity/Scenic Viewshed- Ivor Hughes said Arrowood is working on the maps. Marilyn asked if Arrowood is on the ground, and are they asking town people for input on

wildlife corridors? Ivor Hughes said that both are being done, that he sent link to us to the Arrowood maps.

Ivor Hughes has drafted a document that may be step towards forwarding the protection of Monkton's viewsheds. Balancing the rights of landowners with protecting viewsheds is important. Would an overlay district be appropriate? Marilyn Cargill wondering how much of the viewshed is already protected.

Ivor Hughes will share historical Monkton build out maps since the 1800s.

Monkton Zoning Administrator, Kris Perlee, will be at our first meeting in May to update the Planning Commission on any zoning trends and/or issues.

Member Comments:

Hazard Mitigation Committee: Wendy Sue Harper and Marilyn Cargill volunteered to serve on the committee.

Housekeeping: Wendy Sue Harper and Marilyn Cargill have been organizing and editing the paper files at the town hall.

Updates:

Select Board – The Select Board discussed 4th of July fireworks. There is no resolution on the old town hall.

DRB- There is a discussion about a 2-3 lot subdivision of 10 acres on Pond Road.

ANAC- Peter Close's land has been conserved. A neighbor's land is in the process as well.

ACRPC- Nothing

Lee Mahony made a motion to adjourn. Ivor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM

The next meeting for the Monkton Planning Commission is on April 18, 2023 @ 7pm.

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

