

**Town of Monkton Conservation Commission**  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 17, 2023**  
**7:00pm Meeting via Zoom/Phone**

**Members Present:** Ann Johnston Miller (Chair), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Kesta Osborne, Sue Stasny

**Members Absent:** Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Nancy Wilson (Vice-Chair), Janet Schwarz

**Guest Present:** Ivor Hughes

**Call to Order** - Ann called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**1) Public Comment**

- a) There was no public comment.

**2) Regular Business**

- a) Reviewed the Agenda
- b) Next Meetings:
  - (1) Monday, May 15th, 7:00pm - Ann will be absent.
  - (2) Monday, June 19th, 7:00pm
- c) Approve Minutes from March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - i) **Debra moved to accept the minutes of March 20th, 2023 with one correction:** Bee the Change is spelled with two 'e's. Ann seconded. There was no further discussion. **The vote was (4-0-0) in favor.**

**3) We decided to move questions from new members to the end of the meeting in case questions came up during the meeting.**

**4) Preparation for meeting with Arrowwood Environmental**

- a) The date will be either April 25th or April 27th, but Ann will check with Aaron to see what time would be best for him.
- b) Aaron had asked about how we wanted Arrowwood to use data from the two UVM student research projects. We need to protect any threatened or rare species so can't be too specific about location. We can talk more about this and also the use of any data that may have come from private land. In addition, we can ask whether Arrowwood wants more of our input on the land map and how other towns that Arrowwood has done mapping for contributed to their maps.
- c) Ivor stated that the Planning Commission is waiting on the map from Arrowwood and is still hoping to get the map to a town vote in 2024. We need to have support from the community and make sure town members understand what Act 171 requires the town to do.
- d) Ivor also stated the Planning Commission is working with Addison County Regional Planning Commission to get maps that can be used to make zoning decisions to allow development to occur in a planned fashion. The town also has a previous view shed study that discusses scenic views that we may want to preserve. This would require identifying which views may already be protected by

being included in “in use” or conserved land. Ivor plans to attend the meeting with Arrowwood.

**5) Update on the Morse Park pollinator garden plan**

- a) While Nancy is gone, Debra is working on getting a meeting with members of the Recreation Committee and Mike Kitchen. MCC members present agreed on two possible meeting dates at the park to look at a potential site for the pollinator garden: Friday, April 28th at 1:30 or Saturday, April 29th at 10:00am. Debra will be in touch if one of those dates can be confirmed.

**6) Questions from new members**

- a) Sue and Kesta didn't have any questions, but we discussed the information available to them on the town website, including past minutes, agendas, reports, and MCC-sponsored webinars.

**Adjournment** - Debra moved to adjourn. All were in favor (4-0-0). Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Sprague  
Treasurer