

**Town of Monkton Conservation Commission**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 15th, 2023**

**7:00pm Meeting via Zoom/Phone**

(Approved: )

**Members Present:** Nancy Wilson (Vice-Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Janet Schwarz, Sue Stasny

**Members Absent:** Ann Johnston Miller (Chair), Kesta Osborne

**Guest Present:** None

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

**1) Public Comment**

- a) There was no public comment.

**2) Regular Business**

- a) Reviewed Agenda
- b) June meeting: Monday 19th, 7:00pm
- c) July meeting: Monday 17th, 7:00pm
- d) Deferred review of April 17th and 27th minutes until our next meeting.

**3) Review Natural Resource Inventory mapping ... timeline with Town Plan update.**

- a) Covered under #4 and #5 below.

**4) Recap of April 27 meeting with Arrowhead Environmental**

- a) Reviewed the minutes of the meeting. Arrowwood is making progress and should be able to provide key deliverables on schedule. They are not able to do a complete forest block ranking as part of the current project, but could give advice on objective criteria for a ranking and provide some expertise to help identify the highest priority blocks from that assessment. The next deliverables in late May will be natural communities, wetlands, and refined forest blocks. After that will be habitat connectors. We will meet with Planning to make sure their intention is still to complete Act 171 language this year and then will update Arrowwood on any changes to timeline.

**5) Meeting with Planning Commission**

- a) Jaime, Debra, Jan, and Sue plan to join the Planning Commission meeting at 8:00pm tomorrow (the 16th) to discuss the mapping project timeline and next steps.

**6) Discuss - Morse Park Management Plan and meeting with Rec**

- a) Jaime still needs to finish updating the draft plan with notes/changes from the discussion with Rec in February. That will be sent to the working group and another meeting scheduled ASAP.

**7) Update on Morse Park pollinator garden**

- a) Holding off on this for now pending the Morse Park Management Plan.

**8) New Business**

- a) Buckthorn removal session at Monkton Central School - Sat., June 3rd 9:00-11:30 am.
- b) Parsnip removal in Morse Park, first of several sessions: June 22nd 7:30 pm.

**Adjournment** - Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaime Schulte  
Clerk