

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

05/16/2023

Approved : _____

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

Absent: Visitors: Debra Sprague, Jan Schwarz, Jaime Schulte

Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill @ 7:03pm

Public Comments: Jaime Schulte joined the meeting @ 8:01pm

Minutes: The minutes of the 05/02/2023 were moved by Lee Mahony and seconded by Peter Close. The minutes were accepted as amended.

A. Town Plan – Amendment to the Natural Resources Section of the town plan to comply with Act 171. We reviewed the timeline. Forest blocks and wildlife corridors will be identified MPC should hold a public hearing should happen in early September. Wendy Sue Harper said that she feels that there should be another meeting to meet less informally with town residents for input Jaime Schulte joined the meeting. He advocated for Ivor Hughes' draft. Jaime Schulte said that Arrowwood will do a presentation of findings to the community in late August as part of their contract. Ranking of the forest blocks will require that criteria be established that is not subjective. Forty forest blocks of varying size have been identified in Monkton. Jaime Schulte showed us the preliminary maps from Arrowwood as well as a matrix that he is working on that could be used to rank the priority of forest blocks. Ivor Hughes said that he would look at other town plans that have completed this process.

B. Flood Hazard- Wendy Sue Harper attended the meeting regarding updates required by National Flood Insurance Program in Monkton.

C. Town Forest – The Vermont CC grant of \$371,000 has been granted. This is a big win for the establishment of the town forest. A large federal grant application will be considered too. ARPA funds are being requested as well.

D. Scenic Viewshed Protection: Ivor Hughes cannot continue with this project. Peter Close said that he will pick up the project. Some viewsheds are already protected.

F. Census Data: Gary, Wendy Sue Harper and Marilyn Cargill are meeting to review census data.

Member Comments: None

Updates: None

Peter Close made a motion to adjourn. Lee Mahoney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM

The next meeting for the Monkton Planning Commission is June 6, 2023 @ 7pm.

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