

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

June 6, 2023

Approved June 20, 2023

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

Absent: None Visitors: Stephen Pilcher, Ann Miller, Megan Browning Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by M. Cargill at 7:02pm

The minutes of May 16, 2023 were moved by L. Mahony and seconded by I. Hughes. The minutes were accepted as written - unanimously.

Public Comment:

Stephen Pilcher: 1) Housing Committee: There are several good candidates for this committee. The first order of business is a mission statement. 2) Zoning/Act 171: Stephen Pilcher's personal commentary: "Is it a time to change Monkton's zoning, which is currently based on soil type, to one based on growth". Wendy Sue Harper noted that the zoning maps may be updated without updating the Town Plan. The maps are not a part of the Town Plan. I. Hughes noted that changes should be passed to the Select Board by 10/31/2023. 4) Kris Perlee, the Zoning Administrator, has submitted his resignation. He will be working full-time for the town of Bristol.

Housing Sub-Committee- Moving forward with the Select Board. Gary Strait agreed to be a member.

Town Plan-

Scenic Viewshed: Peter Close is working on getting up to speed. M. Cargill gave him some guidance.

Forest Integrity: Ivor Hughes said that he and others met to begin developing method for identifying Important vs High Priority forest block groups. There are three large North-South forest blocks in Monkton. East-West forest blocks provide connectivity. Arrowwood will identify those connections. I. Hughes and WS Harper will work together going forward.

Update Census Data in the Town Plan: It will be done in July. WS Harper, M Cargill, and G Strait are working on this together.

Townwide Survey: It is scheduled to be worked on next in 2024.

Updates:

Zoning: I Hughes will ask K Perlee for one more zoning update.

Hazard Mitigation/Flood Readiness: WS Harper is meeting with Addison County Regional Planning.

Town Forest: There is an ongoing conversation with the town, by the Town Forest Committee, with members of the community.

Planning Commission: The meeting of July 4th is canceled.

Peter Close made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Lee Mahony. All voted in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Gayle Chellis Grim – Monkton Planning Commission Clerk.