

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

June 20, 2023

Approved: July 11, 2023

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

Absent: Gary Strait Visitor: Jaime Schulte Mail: None

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

The minutes of June 6, 2023 were moved by I Hughes, and seconded by WS Harper. The minutes were accepted as amended - unanimously.

Public Comment:

Housing Sub-Committee- Both Gary Strait and Gayle Grim have both offered to be considered as committee members.

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

Forest Integrity: J Schulte said that Act 171 mapping project is proceeding. The Conservation Commission is refining the proposed forest blocks. Thirty-seven forest blocks of different priority have been indemnified in Monkton - "Important" (25) and "Highest Priority" (12). The connectivity layer will be done in a few weeks. The proposed 25/12 division of forest blocks is based on a data approach. It may take an iteration or two overtime.

There is another informational meeting tomorrow at 7pm at the Town Hall and on Zoom.

M Cargill asked for clarity. She wants to be as transparent as possible when speaking with people, as well as be able to explain the methodology used to determine the forest blocks.

Ivor Hughes has provided the MPC with more data, provided by the Conservation Commission, in which forest blocks are categorized based on a matrix ranking prepared by J. Schulte. J Schulte is waiting for the connectivity layer, which is due in July, to include in the matrix.

Town Forest: J Schulte said the town survey is in progress. They have done 32 engagements this year. Thirty-seven people have been on a site walk. The post card survey is tracking strongly in favor of the project. J Schulte showed us detailed charts and graphs detailing community reaction.

Zoning Administrator- S Pilcher, WS Harper, S Wilbur, and M Cargill have prepared, and run in several places, an ad for a new ZA. The planning commission will conduct all 1st interviews. There are no candidates yet.

Planning Commission Issues- Lee Mahony has resigned from the MPC - effective 06/19/2023.

Zoning: No update

Hazard Mitigation/Flood Readiness: Nothing new

DRB: A food truck permit was issued.

Select Board: No updates.

Planning Commission: The meeting of July 4th is canceled. The July 18, 2023 meeting has been rescheduled to July 11, 2023.

I Hughes made a motion to adjourn, that was seconded by P Close. All voted in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

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