

## Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

August 1, 2023

Approved: August 22, 2023

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

Absent: none Visitor: Jaime Schulte

Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by M. Cargill at 7:04pm

Minutes: The minutes of 07/11/2023 were moved by Ivor Hughes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy Sue Harper. Ivor Hughes motion to approve as amended Gary Strait seconded. The minutes were accepted as amended - unanimously.

**New town email system:** Wendy Sue Harper will go on to the town website 08/06/2023 to make sure that the new email is linked on the town website..

**Zoning Administrator:** Andrew Peterson has been accepted as ZA in an interim role. There is a potential candidate for the permanent position as well.

**Housing Committee:** No update

**Forest Integrity:** Arrowwood has provided connectivity data. Ivor Hughes says that the information for the town plan update is nearly complete. Creating maps that depict the information in an easy to read and understand is the challenge. Ranking each of the forest blocks is challenging. Richmond used red bi-directional arrows on their map to show forest connectivity. WS Harper asked if the larger blocks are more important. J Schulte said that they were, but the small blocks are important stepping-stones. A third-party professional assessment of block ranking is planned before any zoning change proposals. Ridgeline, Conserved and some Wetlands in Monkton are already somewhat protected. Gary Strait asked about how wetlands are determined.

Ivor Hughes said that his Rev D should make the document complete. The maps still need to be refined. He said that he will contact ACRPC for help with the maps.

### **Census Information:**

Update for the Town plan

- 1) Education and Childcare: a chart was added showing the declining enrollment of Monkton School. Wendy Sue Harper moved to accept existing language as written. I Hughes seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the "goal" was accepted as written.
- 2) M Cargill will take *Housing Stock and Age of Population* for census information update.
- 3) WS Harper has asked S. Pilcher to help her with document modification.

UPD – No action

**New Business:** We discussed recommending that the town purchase a 2nd Zoom license. WS Harper will contact S Pilcher and recommend a second Zoom license be purchased for the use of the town.

Our next meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup> is changed to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. G Grim will change the calendar and post physical notices.

**Updates:**

Hazard Mitigation/Flood Readiness: No update

Town Forest: Jaime Schulte said that it is likely that all but \$50,000 of the town forest purchase price will be granted. The Town Forest Committee is meeting with the residents on Airport Road to discuss usage and maintenance of Airport Road in the future.

DRB: No update

Select Board: No updates.

Monkton School- I Hughes noted that there is substantial work being done in the parking areas.

Gary Strait made a motion to adjourn, and Gayle Grim seconded. All voted in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

The next meeting of the planning commission is August 22, 2023 at 7pm

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