

**Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, 27 September 2023**

**6:30 pm**

**Library Meeting Room @ Town Hall**

**Members Attending:** Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), Whitney Leighton (Clerk), Jaime Schulte, John Mejia (Digital Wizard), Steve Parren (Alternate), Debbie Houghton (Alternate).

**Guest:** Ian Schuze, Monkton Webmaster (to assist with new webmail setup)

**1) Call to order** – Laura called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.

**2) Approve the minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.** (There were no meetings in July and August). **Steve moved to approve the Jun 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Jaime seconded.** There was no further discussion. **The minutes were approved (5-0-2)** with John and Susan abstaining as they were not present, and Susan had not reviewed.

**3) Updates:**

- Potential Town Forest Application (Project 2023A) - Jaime shared that the project was awarded a federal grant. Remaining funds needed to secure project is \$50,000 which will be a fundraising effort by town members.
- ARPA Mapping - Jaime provided a brief update on the ARPA mapping status.
- Raven Ridge - Susan shared with the committee of her last discussion with The Nature Conservancy who are stewards of the natural area.
- ANAC Organization: Committee roles - **Jaime nominated Laura Farrell for Chair and Susan Mahony for Vice Chair.** There was no discussion. **Motion was approved unanimously (7-0-0)** **Laura motioned to reappoint John Mejia to Digital Wizard (renamed from Digital Czar).** There was no discussion. **Motion was approved unanimously (7-0-0).**
- ANAC Organization - Steve to review committee organization documents to begin drafting operational guidelines.

**4) Forest Conservation Project Phase 2:** Laura provided an update on properties that may be interested in joining phase 2 of the forest conservation project.

**5) Linehan Party planning**

- Whitney updated the committee that the Linehans would like to wait until fall to consider a gathering. Whitney to reach out for an update.

**8) New member letter draft**

- Tabled to next meeting due to time.

**7) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom**

- October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, hybrid meeting at Town Hall
- November 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, hybrid meeting at Town Hall

**8) Adjournment**

- **Whitney made a motion to adjourn. Laura seconded** There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0-0).

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Whitney Leighton**