

## Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, 25th October 2023 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting Room @ Town Hall**

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

(Jaime arrived at 7pm.)

**1) Call to order** – Laura called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

**2) Approve the minutes of September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Steve moved to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Susan seconded.** There was no further discussion. **The minutes were approved (6-0)** with minor changes.

**3) Updates:**

- Raven Ridge - Susan told the committee about reported ATV activity on the boardwalk, at Ravin Ridge. TNC posted signage.

- Jaime joined the meeting at this time (7:00pm) -

**4) 2024 Budget Request**– the committee discussed potential future projects and the costs to support those against the budget. **Jaime moved to request an annual allocation of \$50,000 for the 2024 ANAC budget. John seconded.** There was no discussion. **The motion was approved (6-0-1) with Susan abstaining.**

**5) Updates Continued:**

- Town Forest Update – Jaime shared that community fundraising is in full swing, and the committee is making progress on the project.

**5) Steve's Operations Guidelines Draft** – the committee reviewed the draft Operation Guidelines. Steve to add changes for next meeting.

**6) Planning for Brian Morgan and aggregate forest projects** - Laura provided a brief update of her communications with landowners.

**7) 2023 Annual report** – Discussed projects that closed in 2023 to include in the annual report.

**8) New member letter draft** – tabled until a future meeting.

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

- November 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, hybrid meeting at Town Hall
- (tentative) December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, hybrid meeting at Town Hall

**10) Adjournment**

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Whitney Leighton**