

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

October 3, 2023

Approved: November 7, 2023

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

Absent: Gary Strait Visitors: None Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill at 7:00pm

Minutes: The minutes of 09/19/2023 were moved by Ivor Hughes and 2nd by Peter Close. Peter Close made a motion to approve as amended. WS Harper seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as amended - unanimously.

Mail: None

Zoning Administrator: Stephen True is beginning as ZA on October 5, 2023

MPC Open Position- No updates. Advertisements have been posted in Front Page Forum and The Addison Independent.

Housing Committee: No update

Town Plan Hearing: 10/17/2023. Zoom and room are reserved. Ivor Hughes will handle the Forest Integrity portion. Jessica McDermitt will take the minutes. Marilyn Cargill will follow up on that. A moderator will also be hired. The town manager will be asked.

MPC Vision

1. Marilyn Cargill wondered how we could make our Village Center more of a “village center” given the lack of buildable areas? Clusters of houses are being built in areas of the town.
2. Marilyn Cargill said that we should be able to solve the sidewalk issue. The Town Manager has a grant to study some sidewalk routes.
3. Wendy Sue Harper sent an email to Adam Lougee and Katie Raycroft-Meyer at ACRPC to inquire about facilitating a meeting
4. We feel as though we would like to see more business on our main streets. Could some homes be used for business?

Lewis Creek Association: We would like to invite them to speak to us in November, about what they are doing for the town watershed. The Conservation Commission would also be invited.

Arrowwood Presentation on 09/28 went well. There was considerable interest in the maps that Ivor Hughes brought to the meeting. The presentation was recorded and will be available online in the Conservation Commission section of the town website.

Tree of Life Farm/Willowwell are attempting to obtain an “after the fact” permit from the State of Vermont per the Town Administrator. Monkton owns an abutting property.

Updates:

Hazard Mitigation/Flood Readiness: Plan to meet in November 2023.

Town Forest: Public fund raising for the remaining 5% of purchase price is due to begin soon.

DRB: Approved a two-lot subdivision.

Select Board: No update.

Ivor Hughes made a motion to adjourn, and Gayle Grim seconded. All voted in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting of the Monkton Planning Commission is October 17, 2023, after the hearing.

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