

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

January 2, 2024

Approved: January 16, 2024

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

Absent: None Visitors: (Zoom) Ann Miller, Jaime Schulte

Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Sue Harper at 7:03pm.

Minutes: The minutes of 12/05/2023 were moved by Ivor Hughes and seconded by Mike New. Peter Close made a motion to approve as amended. Wendy Sue Harper seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as amended - unanimously.

I)MPC will invite the ZA to attend a meeting in February for update and or concerns.

II)Town Report

Draft of our annual report has been completed by Wendy Sue Harper. We reviewed it, made necessary changes. Peter Close moved and Ivor Hughes seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

III) Planning Commission Clerk position – will be open as of March 2024

IV) Conservation Commission: There was a discussion of future options for storing and maintaining digital official maps. Jaime Schulte added tech information. Ivor Hughes will reach out to Steven Pilcher to see about moving forward with this task.

V) Town Plan

- 1) Getting the revised proposed Town Plan to the Select Board soon is a priority.
- 2) Flood Resilience section: Andrew L'Roe of ACRPC gave recommendations.
- 3) Zapata Courage is a wetlands specialist who will be at our next meeting.

Updates:

Town Forest Committee: The \$1.16 million cost, except for \$50,000, will be provided through grants and donations. Progress toward closing and management of the new town forest. Per Jaime Schulte, a draft management plan will be in place by closing.

Housing Committee: None

Hazard Mitigation: Next meeting is Jan 25th. Members are contributing to a survey regarding hazard and preparedness concerns.

Development Review Board: Dealing with Conditional Use permits.

ACRPC: No update

Energy Committee: Still looking for a grant to assess and improve municipal buildings electricity cost.

Conservation Committee: They are working on a management plan for the Town Forest.

Ivor Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Mike New seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The next meeting of the Monkton Planning Commission is January 16, 2023, at 7pm.

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