

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

January 16, 2024

Approved:

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

Absent: Gary Strait Visitors: (Zoom) Ann Miller, Jaime Schulte

Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill at 7:01pm.

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. Mike New seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as amended - unanimously.

- I) Arrowwood mapping project is completed. Ivor Hughes sent each member a digital copy. Anne Miller said that the Conservation Commission is working on the Natural Heritage map for the town plan.
- II) Stephen Pilcher said that he is working on storage of digital maps. Town website is currently offline. Ian Schultz is working to restore it.

III) Zapata Courage; District Wetland Ecologist, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation joined our meeting via Zoom:

She said that she had reviewed our Town Plan. She then offered several points for consideration using a slide show. Town Plans are not regulatory but living documents to reflect the “changing vision of the community.” “Zoning is a Town regulatory process concerning use and development.” State Rules are by default without regard to lack of town zoning.

As of 2014 VT groundwater is considered by State law to be a resource held in public trust. Intermittent streams/ Class III wetlands are not regulated by the state.

Consideration: Do not tie policy to wetland mapping.

Class I wetlands must be petitioned and reviewed. Monkton does not have any Class I Wetlands. Class II wetlands are the majority of wetlands in the state- they are ½ acre or larger.

Zapata Courage concluded and left the meeting at 8:35pm.

Updates:

Town Forest Committee: Fund raising is ongoing.

Housing Committee: None

Hazard Mitigation: Next meeting is Jan 23rd. Members are contributing to a survey regarding personal hazard concerns.

Development Review Board: Meeting regarding development on Pond Rd is coming up.

ACRPC: Marilyn Cargill said that they are moving forward with planned digital map hosting.

Energy Committee: No update

Conservation Committee: No update

Ivor Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Wendy Sue Harper 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 February 6, 2023, at 7pm.

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