

Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, 5:30pm
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom
(Approved: January 24th, 2024)

Members present: Callie Brynn (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Vice-Chair), John McNerney, Pete Dufault, Molly Parren, CJ Buzzy (Alternate)

Members absent: None

Guests: Bob Heiser (Vermont Land Trust), Walter Poleman (UVM)

Call To Order - Callie called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

1. Review Agenda - no changes
2. Public Comment (up to 15 minutes) - no public comment
3. UVM Landscape Inventory & Assessment class - Walt Poleman
 - a. Walt expressed appreciation for the support from Monkton for the class of 6-8 students. First site visit by the students will be on the 29th. Discussed the project needs assessment where the students will interview the town forest committee. We'll schedule that in the last week of the month. We also tentatively booked Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 7:30pm for the presentation to the community of the class findings and report.
 - b. Discussed the course syllabus, partnership with local experts, etc.
 - c. Initial discussion of mini-projects (per student) and prioritizing their work such that it is most helpful to the town. Provided Walt with a general update on the town forest project.
4. Old Airport Road maintenance and access (6:15pm)
 - a. Discussed the draft agreement from the town attorney and possible improvements the committee would like to discuss with the residents of OAR.
5. Review of 11/8/23 & 12/6 minutes - postponed.
6. 2023 Town Forest Committee Report (7:00pm)
 - a. Reviewed the draft report that Callie is working on and gave feedback. Due 1/19.
7. Interim Management Plan - planning & community engagement timeline
 - a. Discussed briefly; postponed to next meeting
8. PACIF/Insurance - discussed briefly; postponed to next meeting
9. Grant/funding updates - update on fundraising
10. Other project updates & timeline review - none
11. Next meeting dates
 - a. Wednesday, January 24th, 5:30 - regular meeting
 - b. Wednesday, January 31st, Time TBD, with UVM class

Adjournment - Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:01pm.

Minutes taken by Jaime Schulte.