

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

February 20, 2024

Approved: March 19, 2024

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

Absent: Gary Strait, Peter Close Visitors:

Mail: None

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill at 7:04pm.

Minutes: The minutes of February 6, 2024 were moved by Mike New and seconded by Ivor Hughes. Mike New made a motion to approve as amended. Ivor Hughes seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as amended - unanimously.

We continued to review the compiled list of public comments received in our effort to update the UPD.

#9 – Language describing population graph has already been corrected.

Ivor Hughes made a motion to accept. Wendy Sue Harper 2nd the motion. A vote was taken and approved.

#15 -Language was corrected.

#11 Property usage data is not available at the time of publication.

Add recommended action, "Protect groundwater from commercial extraction." -in Water Resources section.

#12 Is there a definition of "vibrant"? Skip. (page 9 of the town plan)

#13 Correct to "A new town hall has been built".

#14 Suggestion to change Hunting and Fishing- Good point, but skip for now.

#15 Done

#16 Suggest add "For additional detail see digital online maps on the town website"

#17 Definition of a gravel pit. It will be addressed in the future.

#18 Forest policy: Change "encourage" to "should"? "The town plan is not regulatory. No change.

#19 Projects to conserve land are not necessarily ANAC. Put period after "easement".

#20 Re: Vermont Land Trust with other partners to preserve the land for agricultural and forest uses.

#21 Re Forest Integrity: Under Habitat Connectivity header changed to Habitat Connectors.

#22 We are not going to add forest blocks beyond recommended. Refer to Monkton website.

#23 Add additional connectors to map 17? Arrowwood's map has a lot of detail. Refer to Monkton website.

#24 Done

#25 Map 14 & 15 numerical identification are not a rating – skip

#26 Prioritizing forest blocks is problematic. We are required to by the state.

#27 Page 75 Land Conservation. Correct to "1947 acres conserved in the past 13 years". Add New England Forestry Foundation. The town is working on purchasing land for a town forest.
#28 Water Resources/ Climate change and severe drought- Already done in UPD. Add underground water # 11 add- protect ground water from commercial extraction of water for sale.

Mike New made a motion to accept changes. Wendy Sue Harper 2nd. A vote was taken, and it was approved unanimously.

Updates:

Town Forest Committee: Marilyn Cargill said that mailing is going out for fund raising to the entire town.

Housing Committee: None

Hazard Mitigation: None

Development Review Board: None

ACRPC: Map 12 may not be ready by the end of March. Ivor is working with Hannah from ACRPC.

Energy Committee: No update

Conservation Committee: No update

Mike New made a motion to adjourn. Gayle Grim seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

The next meeting of the Monkton Planning Commission will be held on March 19, 2023, at 7pm. The March 5, 2024 is cancelled.

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