

**Town of Monkton  
Town Forest Committee  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, 5:30pm  
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom  
(Approved: TBD)**

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

Members absent: Pete Dufault

Guests: Bob Heiser (Vermont Land Trust), Stephen Pilcher (Selectboard), Denise Dalton, Walter Crandall, Barb Crandall, Larry Pike, Susan Davis

**Call To Order** - Callie called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

1. Review Agenda - no changes
2. Public Comment (up to 15 minutes) - no public comment offered
3. Review of past minutes
  - a. Jaime moved to approve the minutes of January 24th, 2023 as written. John seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor (5-0-0).
  - b. John moved to approve the minutes of January 31st, 2023 as written. Molly seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor (5-0-0).
4. Interim Management Plan
  - a. Discussed preparing an interim management plan (needed by about April). We will also be engaging with the community beginning soon and over the summer on a range of topics about the permanent management plan, which will follow the interim plan and is due by about October.
5. Other project updates & timeline review:
  - a. UVM Course - heard an update on the class's field visit to the parcel on the 5th. Jaime and John joined them. We received the expected invoice for \$1500 related to the class. This will be sent along to the Monkton Treasurer.
  - b. Barnum Easement - the draft will be circulated to the committee for feedback. Some feedback has been obtained from the town attorney, some members of the committee, and VLT.
  - c. Town Meeting Day - March 2nd - will have a table.
  - d. Community update - post about Town Meeting, invite interest in site walks, update the website. Coordinate timing with the fundraising announcement.
6. Grant/funding updates
  - a. Mailing is going out this month to the community to invite participation in the final fundraising push to complete the project budget.
7. Committee size

- a. There is a lot going on! Discussed requesting that the Selectboard define the committee as six or seven members, rather than five. We will request to discuss this with the Selectboard on Tuesday.
8. Set next meeting date(s)
  - a. Wednesday, February 28th, 5:30 - regular meeting
9. Old Airport Road maintenance and access
  - a. It should be noted that Walter Crandall has recused himself from the topic, for purposes of the Selectboard, and was participating as a resident.
  - b. Jaime reviewed the draft letter from the committee to the Selectboard requesting that the Selectboard schedule a hearing regarding a reclassification of Old Airport Road from a private to a Class IV road. The letter also discusses the maintenance of Class IV roads in Monkton. There was general agreement among the committee, and the Old Airport Road residents in attendance, that Class IV would have advantages for both the Town and the residents. The residents are also sending a letter to the Selectboard recommending Class IV. There was some discussion about maintenance of the road, which will be an ongoing topic.
  - c. **John moved to authorize Jaime and Callie to finish and send the committee's letter to the Selectboard requesting Class IV status for Old Airport Road and discussing the maintenance of Class IV roads in Monkton. Molly seconded.**  
There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

**Adjournment** - Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes taken by Jaime Schulte.