

Town of Monkton Conservation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 27th 2024

7:00pm Meeting at Town Hall and via Zoom/Phone

(Approved: April 24th, 2024)

Members Present: Ann Johnston Miller (Chair), Nancy Wilson (Vice Chair), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Janet Schwarz, Sue Stasny, Jaime Schulte (Clerk)

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Call to Order - Ann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1) Regular Business

- a) Reviewed Agenda – no changes
- b) Debra moved to accept the minutes from February 19th. Sue seconded. Passed (5-0-1), with Jaime abstaining (not present at the 2/19 meeting).
- c) Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24th. The May meeting will be on Thursday the 16th.

2) Old Business

- a) Natural Resource Inventory maps for Town Plan - discussed that Ivor (Planning Commission) has been in some contact with Laura Farrell and Hannah at ACRPC. Availability of everyone has been a factor, but hopefully progress will be made in April. Conservation can coordinate/support as needed.
- b) Morse Park Management Plan updates - the subcommittee met with John and Adam from the Recreation Committee in early March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25th and Rec will prepare the next draft with updates/comments from this meeting. We have some areas of agreement and some different perspectives on certain sections. We are looking forward to another productive meeting in April.
- c) Town Forest update – Jaime gave an update on progress, timeline, and fundraising. Overall the project is in very good shape and moving toward a closing in the second half of the year.

3) New Business

- a) Organizational Meeting - election of chair, treasurer, clerk.
 - i) There was some discussion of how positions have worked on the MCC and other committees. Also about the willingness of members to serve in different capacities. Some roles have emerged - such as Debra acting as our Invasive Species Coordinator. Jaime would like to take a step back from the clerk/secretary role.
 - ii) **Jaime nominated Ann Johnston-Miller and Sue Stasny as co-chairs, Debra Sprague as Treasurer, and Nancy Wilson as Secretary. Debra seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor 6-0-0.**
- b) Lewis Creek Association (LCA) presentation on water quality/landowners guidance manual

- i) LCA would like to have this meeting at the Monkton Town Hall and has proposed a range of possible dates. We will suggest a hybrid meeting on May 2nd. MCC to help advertise with LCA.
- c) CC town web page - Jaime to work with Ian and Stephen on a Community Resources page, with sections for the Town Forest, Wildlife Crossings, Raven Ridge, Morse Park, Recreation Field, etc.
- d) Buckthorn session dates - set a first session for Saturday, May 4th, 1-3pm at Monkton Central School. Rain date of Sunday, May 5th at the same time.

Jaime needed to depart the meeting at this time (8:02).

- e) Brochure to new residents - no update at this time

Adjournment - Nancy moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte