

Monkton Planning Commission Minutes

April 02, 2024

Approved April 16, 2024

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

Absent: Visitors: Ann Miller

Mail: Email from Hinesburg regarding their Town Plan update.

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Cargill at 7:03pm.

Minutes: The minutes of 03/19/2024 were moved by Ivor Hughes and seconded by Mike New. Wendy Sue Harper made a motion to approve as amended. Mike New seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as amended - unanimously.

Old Business:

Annual Election of Officers: Marilyn Cargill and Wendy Sue Harper agreed to continue as co-chairs. Gayle Grim is stepping down as Clerk. Mike New is interested in being the Clerk.

Ivor Hughes made a motion to nominate Marilyn Cargill & Wendy Sue Harper as co-chairs and Mike New as clerk.

A vote was taken, and this slate of officers was accepted unanimously.

Town Plan:

1)Wendy Sue Harper presented updated language for the. Library and Town Hall description

Wendy Sue made a motion to accept changes and 2nd by Gary Strait. A vote was made and the amendment was approved unanimously.

2) Wendy Sue Harper presented updated language for the local associations / Historical Buildings/ and Associations. Marilyn Cargill thought that the change had more than just facts and may seem promotional. Mike New said he would try to do an edit to the dog park and the East Monkton Church too.

3) Gary Strait suggested that a link to the Town website be included for more information.

4) Re: #33 – wording to reinforce solar on municipal use. – No action now.

5) Map 12- Ann Miller of the Conservation Commission said Laura Farrell has sent information to her to forward to Hannah @ ACRPC. At this point, we need to have it done so we will get done with the required items. Wendy Sue, Ivor Hughes and Marilyn Cargill will review Laura Farrell's information.

6) Suggestions by Zapata Courage

a) Increase wetland buffer zones and a ban filling-in any wetland district. Vernal pools add buffer of 50ft. Wendy Sue will work on wording.

b) Prevent High Intensity (more than 5000 gallons a day) for other than residential/agricultural/municipal use. Reference : Each bedroom in a residential home is estimated 150 gallon/day useage. – Postpone

c) Slide 10: Add a sign off or permit from the VT Lakes and Wetlands Programs- Postpone

d) Slide 13 : Wetland Considerations – Proposed projects shall utilize the State Wetland –
Postpone

e) Develop a Town Wetland Overlay District. -We will mention in the Town Plan. Wendy Sue will work on the wording.

f) Determine Base Flood elevations for flood prone areas of Monkton. Gayle will get base flood elevations from FEMA.

New Business:

Updates:

Town Forest Committee: Funding goals have been met. Additional funding raised will be used for maintenance and improvements.

Housing Committee: None

ACRPC: No update. WS is forwarding newsletter.

Energy Committee: In stasis per Ivor Hughes.

Eclipse Party @ Monkton has 175 people pre-registered. The state is worried about traffic given 250,000 visitors to the State of Vermont is expected.

Monkton Historical Society: is putting together a time capsule to be opened in 2106.

Member Concerns:

Ann Miller complemented the Planning commission on the work we are doing.

Gayle Grim made a motion to adjourn. Gary Strait 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 April 16, 2024, at 7pm.

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

