Town of Monkton Town Forest Committee MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, July 10th, 2024, 6:00pm Online Meeting via Zoom

(Approved: July 29th, 2024)

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

Parren, Jessica Demeritt, Peter Dufault Committee members absent: CJ Buzzy

Guests: None

Call To Order - Callie called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

- 1. Review Agenda
 - a. Added a review of the timeline for management planning and the survey draft
- 2. Public Comment (up to 15 minutes) None offered
- 3. Piano Concert at East Monkton Church on July 21st
 - a. A UVM Professor is giving a piano concert in each Vermont town and would like the donations to go to a local conservation cause, such as MTF or ANAC.
- 4. Kaolin Dam updates
 - a. Skip Lisle installed a Beaver Deceiver device last week, funded through VLT.
 - b. John added some gravel to the trail leading to the pond, to fill in large puddles, with an OK from Zapata Courage (state wetland ecologist).
- 5. Management Plan timeline
 - a. Discussed how to begin the process with the community. There are some components, including a survey and a series of meetings.
 - b. Discussed the draft of survey questions that we would send out to the community soon.
- 6. Set next meeting date(s)
 - a. Monday, July 29th, 6:00pm
- 7. Interim Management Plan working session on draft (6:15)
 - a. Reviewed comments submitted for the draft and provided feedback as a committee. We will plan to finalize at our next meeting so it can go to review by VLT, VHCB, and the Selectboard before the project's closing (purchase).
 - b. The interim plan takes effect at the closing of the property later this year, unless the long-term management plan developed with the community is ready by that date. The long-term plan replaces the interim plan when ready (usually needs to be within four months of closing).

Adjournment: Jaime moved to adjourn. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:03pm.

Minutes taken by Jaime Schulte.