

Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 29th, 2024, 6:00pm
at Town Hall and via Zoom

(Approved: August 14th, 2024)

Members present: Callie Brynn (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Vice-Chair), John McNerney, Molly Parren, Jessica Demeritt, Peter Dufault, CJ Buzzy

Committee members absent: None

Guests: Bob Heiser (Vermont Land Trust)

Call To Order - Callie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

- Reviewed Agenda - no changes
- Review 5/8/24, 6/19/24 and 7/10/24 minutes
 - Jaime moved the minutes of 5/8/2024 as written. Jessica seconded. So moved (5-0-1) with CJ abstaining (not present on May 8th).
 - Jessica moved the minutes of 6/19/2024 as amended. Molly seconded. So moved (6-0-0).
 - Molly moved the minutes of 7/10/2024 as amended. Jessica seconded. So moved (5-0-1) with CJ abstaining (not present on July 10th).
- Public Comment - none offered
- Community Survey
 - Reviewed the survey and discussed the questions - survey is almost ready
 - Discussed the survey and timing of sending it out. Booked Saturday, September 14th at 10:00am for a Town Forest Visioning Kickoff / Workshop.
- Management Plan Planning
 - Interim – the appendix needs to be consolidated and we will look to approve the plan at our next meeting.
 - Formal – community engagement timeline/events
 - Discussed the survey and timing of sending it out. Will send by approximately August 23rd.
 - We will send a postcard to the voter list to promote awareness of the survey and visioning workshop.
 - Booked Saturday, September 14th at 10:00am for a Town Forest Visioning Kickoff / Workshop. (Note: this date/time has subsequently been changed)

- Conservation Easement
 - We expect to approve this at our next meeting and send it on to the Selectboard.
- Other updates & project timeline review
 - Kaolin Dam - Jaime to reach out to Skip Lisle about the plans to make the exclusion fence taller now that water levels have stabilized.
 - Bowman BLA - the final mylar, with house shown, needs to be received and signed by the Development Review Board.
 - Fundraising – piano concert – the piano concert raised \$307 for the Town Forest Management Fund!
 - Old Airport Road
 - The survey of OAR is wrapping up and should be complete next week.
 - We have requested a release document from the Town Attorney, Jim Carroll, to share with residents/owners of the road, which would indicate their acceptance of a Class IV easement over the road.
 - Barnum ROW - no new updates
 - Title work - expecting an update next week from A. Johnson on progress.
 - Federal Grant requirements for closing - Bob is working on a document list.
- Set next meeting date(s):
 - Wednesday, August 14th, 2024, 6:00pm

Adjournment: Jessica moved to adjourn. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes taken by Jaime Schulte.