

**Town of Monkton**  
**Town Forest Committee**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, 6:00pm**  
**Virtual meeting via Zoom only**  
(Approved: Sept. 11th, 2024)

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

**Members absent:** CJ Buzzy

**Guests:** None

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

- Review Agenda
- Review 8/14, 8/21, and 8/29 minutes
  - **Jaime moved the minutes of 8/14/2024 as written. Molly seconded. So moved (4-0-0).** John and Pete joined the meeting just after this item.
  - **John moved the minutes of 8/21/2024 as amended. Jaime seconded. So moved (6-0-0).** Molly, Pete, and Jessica were not present at the 8/21 meeting, but voted in order to have a quorum to approve the minutes.
  - **John moved the minutes of 8/29/2024 as amended. Jessica seconded. So moved (4-0-2),** Molly & Pete abstained (not present at the 8/29 meeting).
- Public Comment, up to 15 minutes - None offered
- Management Plan Planning
  - Review the Community Outreach Survey to-date - took a look at overall results so far, but there isn't a lot of data yet to guide where to have sessions to discuss complicated or controversial topics in more depth.
  - Prepare for the Management Plan Workshop on the 19th - content & logistics
    - Discussed ideas for the event format - we'll do a brief intro to the project and timeline, have some smaller groups discuss questions like what excites them about the town forest or is concerning. There will be a comment box.
    - Review high level project timeline, mgmt plan timeline, easels: what are you most excited about? What concerns you/needs a follow-up

discussion? How can we be good stewards of the land? How can the town forest be a good neighbor?

- Have you been to the property before? What has your experience been?
- Set a schedule of in-person/Zoom sessions on Plan topics
  - Will do this on the 23rd after the kickoff based on community input
- Other updates & Project timeline review
  - Updates from the Selectboard meeting on 9/10 - brief updates shared. Interim Management Plan was approved. 1061 notice approved. Conservation Easement and draft deed language were reviewed.
  - Reviewed project timeline items - about 12 weeks until closing
  - Old Airport Road - survey is just pending the town attorney's review.
  - Kaolin Dam - adjustments are being made to improve the beaver deceiver.
  - Posting of UVM project materials from Spring 2024 - Jaime and Molly will complete posting the PDF.
  - Follow-up field work in Fall 2024 - Molly reached out to the students who are looking at adding on to the UVM class's work from last spring.
- Set the next meeting date(s)
  - Recycling Center table on 9/14 9:00am-12:00pm
  - Town Forest Management Plan Workshop - Sept 19th, 7:00pm
  - Set regular meeting date(s)
    - September 23rd, 5:00pm at Town Hall & Zoom

**Adjournment:** John moved to adjourn. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:38pm.

Minutes taken by Jaime Schulte.