

Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members: Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), Jessica Demeritt (Clerk), Steve Parren, Jaime Schulte, Debbie Houghton (arrived at 6:50 pm), John Mejia

Absent: Susan Mahony

Guests: Diana Butler

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- 2) Jessica recorded the minutes.
- 3) Laura moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025 as amended. Jaime seconded. The vote passed 5-0-1. John abstained (he wasn't at the last meeting).
- 4) Updates:
 - Town Forest Update
Jaime noted that the draft of the management plan may be available in a month, and the Forest is seeing visitors.
 - Operational Guidelines
see below
 - Raven Ridge: parking, conservation & rec, back trails
no update at this time
 - 2025 Budget Request
It was noted that the budget request was reduced to \$22,500 by the Selectboard.
- 5) Aggregate forest projects
Some progress is being made with scheduling surveys and appraisals.
- 6) Town Meeting March 1, 2025
 - Talking points
Jaime noted a few points regarding how the ANAC budget has changed over the years.
 - What do we need? Hall table? CC doing map?
Plans were made for how to set up at Town Meeting.
- 7) Operational Guidelines
The committee redrafted the guidelines for clarity and incorporated Selectboard feedback. Jaime moved to approve the Operational Guidelines draft from 2/4/25 and to send them to the Selectboard. Steve seconded. The vote passed 6-0-0.
- 8) Other business
It was noted that Susan, Steve, and John's terms were up. Steve will not be continuing.

9) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom
Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

10) Review Minutes
no action taken

11) Jaime moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Demeritt