

Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 13, 2025

6:30pm Meeting via Zoom

(Approved: TBD)

Members Present: Ann Johnston Miller (Co-Chair), Sue Stasny (Co-Chair), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Janet Schwarz, Jaime Schulte, David Moore

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Brandon Benedict - County Forester (Chittenden, Northern Addison, Mad River Valley)

Call to Order - Ann called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Jan took the minutes tonight.

1. Regular Business

- a. Review Agenda - no changes made
- b. Public Comment - none offered
- c. Review meeting minutes of January 9, 2025
  - i. Sue moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2025, as written.
  - ii. Debra seconded. Passed (6-0-0).
- d. Review minutes of Special meeting January 17th, 2025
  - i. Jaime moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2025, as written.
  - ii. Sue seconded. Passed (5-0-1)
- e. Regular meeting: March 13, 2025 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
- f. Regular meeting: April 10, 2025 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

2. Other business

- a. Invasives planning:
  - i. Brandon Benedict (Chittenden and Northern Addison Counties, and Mad River Valley) Forester talked about invasive plant species and control methods - both mechanical and chemical.
  - ii. It is important to do before seeds set and proper disposal of the invasives. <https://vtinvasives.org>
  - iii. Ginger Nickerson will address invasive insect species in our next meeting on March 13, 2025.
- b. Town Forest input from MCC
  - i. Sue received an email from Callie Brynn thanking her for the Monkton Conservation Commission's recommendations for the Town Forest Management Plan. Callie asked if the Conservation Commission could provide more information and recommendations about Invasive Species and Beaver Management Plan

3. Members' other topics, interests, or concerns

- a. The Monkton Town Meeting will be on Saturday, 3/1/25 and our new brochure will be available at the ANAC/Monkton Conservation table. Jaime will try to locate the Monkton map upon which Monkton residents can indicate wildlife sightings in the past year.
  - b. Use of Snowmobiles in Morse Park.
    - i. Sue forwarded email conversations from S. Pilcher, John McNerney, Paul Low, and Mike Casey regarding the use of Snowmobiles in Morse Park.
    - ii. The Conservation Commission discussed the VT Housing and Conservation Board stipulations and the current Morse Park Management Plan which only allows the use of non-motorized vehicles in the Park.
    - iii. Ann made the motion for Sue Stasny to draft a response to Stephen Pilcher's email regarding the winter use of snowmobiles in Morse Park. Jaime seconded the motion and it passed (6-0-0).
4. Ann made the motion to adjourn and Jan seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Schwarz