

Town of Monkton  
Town Forest Committee  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, August 28th, 2025, 7:00pm  
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom

**Members:** Callie Brynn (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Vice Chair), Jessica Demeritt, Molly Parren, CJ Buzzy

**Members Not Present:** John McNerney, Cassandra Corcoran

**Guests:** None

**Callie called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.**

- Regular business
  - Reviewed Agenda - no changes made
  - Public Comment (Guests) - none offered
  - Review Minutes: 7/9/25
    - **Jessica moved to approve the minutes of 7/9/2025 as written, Molly second. The vote passed 4-0-1**, with CJ abstaining. Callie was also not present on 7/9, but voted in order to reach a quorum.
  - Recommendations & requests
    - Kaolin clay - discussed this request and will decline to approve it, due to the terms of the Conservation Easement.
    - Geocache - discussed aligning with The Watershed Center, who have received the same request and are considering it. We will wait to learn more from TWC.
    - Deer stand - discussed and approved this request for a deer stand during the upcoming season.
- New Business
  - Lewis Creek Association member and Annual Meeting 10/18 - Callie to ask Sue Stasny if Monkton committees are involved.
- Old Business (7:45)
  - 8/17 Monkton Day recap - we had a table for a few hours at Town Hall and some good conversations. About 40 people stopped by the table.
  - Federal Grant final report - Jaime and Callie to continue working on this.
  - Proposed work (kiosk/signage, trails, access, subcommittee)
    - Kiosks - we will ask John McNerney to lead this. There is a preference for larger kiosks, to have enough room on the board for anticipated information. 36"x60" surface for content at the OAR parking for this season and will consider other kiosks next year.

- Connector trail between the roads - will plan to re-flag and begin work on this soon. It would provide an additional walking/hiking option during hunting seasons.
- Mowing - trails are mowed for now - we will continue to discuss the field/landing areas to mow later this year.
- Invasive removal - will work on buckthorn and honeysuckle later in the year.
- County Forester Service Learning course - this item is with the Conservation Commission for now.
- Beaver policy - waiting on the Conservation Commission as the next step.
- Kaolin Dam status - the Beaver Deceiver is working well after rocks were added around the fence to prevent digging.
- Grants/fundraising committee update - an ACRPC Otter Creek Basin Clean Water RFP grant may be available on a rolling basis.
- Old Airport Road - Jaime to talk with John and Joe as a next step. It would be good to revive conversations about a road agreement and Class IV.
- Upcoming Community Events (*'On the calendar'*)
  - Lewis Creek Association Annual Meeting 10/18/25
- Set the next meeting date(s):
  - Sept 17th (8:20pm)

### **Adjournment**

Jessica moved to adjourn at 8:54pm. Molly seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.