

Town of Monkton  
Town Forest Committee  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, 7:00pm  
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom

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

**Members Not Present:** None

**Guests:** None

**Callie called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.**

- Regular business
  - Review Agenda - added mention of a Game of Logging class, OLL options
  - Public Comment (Guests) - none offered
- Recommendations & requests
  - Duck hunting - Jaime responded to the request. Per the Management Plan hunting seasons allowed are the state deer and turkey seasons only.
- New Business
  - Master Naturalist - there is a current class in progress in Monkton
  - Erosion control funding - discussed a grant option
  - John joined the meeting here at 7:15
  - VLT monitoring visit - Caitlin Cusack, Vermont Land Trust Forester, visited eastern parts of the property with Callie and Jaime last week. She recommended that we improve signage and boundary marking, clarify parking, and evaluate water crossings to simplify long-term maintenance.
- Other Business (7:45)
  - Lewis Creek Association Annual Meeting Recap - Callie and Sam Ford led a walk on the western side of MTF as part of the LCA Meeting.
  - Federal Grant final report - Jaime will reach out after the federal shutdown.
  - Proposed and routine work (kiosk/signage, trails, access, subcommittee)
    - OAR kiosk, connector trail, mowing, signage, invasives, trail/boundary markings
      - Mowing happened on 11/2
      - New kiosks will wait until spring
  - Kaolin Dam status - the Deceiver is functioning well. We'll coordinate with Barnum on ongoing maintenance. Will consider vegetation on the dam.
  - LiDAR drone survey - discussed options - not moving forward at this time
  - Coordination with fire dept - Jaime will talk with Curtis Layn and give the fire dept a key to the gates.
  - OAR Maintenance & Safety zones - Jaime gave an update on conversations
  - Potential Game of Logging classes at MTF - discussed interest & options
  - Old Lover's Lane wetland crossing options - briefly discussed options members offered to resolve water over the road. Callie to update Tyler Cote.

- Action Item Roundup
  - Callie will look into metal sign options and wording for boundary marking. Jessica to look into a design.
  - Callie to update Tyler Cote on Old Lover's Lane.
  - Jaime to continue conversations about Old Airport Rd.
  - John to connect with Jewell about ROW/gate.
  - John to reach out to Skip Lisle about estimates for Deceiver(s) on the east.
- Review Minutes: 10/15/25
  - **Jessica moved to approve the minutes of 10/15/25 as amended. Molly seconded. The vote passed (6-0-1), with CJ abstaining (not present on 10/15).**
- Financial
  - 2026 Committee Budget
    - John moved to approve a budget of \$2,500, including \$2,000 for Old Airport Road maintenance, \$250 for the annual state fee (Kaolin Dam) or consultants, & \$250 for events, mailings, etc. Jess seconded. The vote passed (7-0-0).
  - Grants/fundraising committee update
    - No new updates
- Upcoming Community Events ('On the calendar') - N/A
- Set the next meeting date(s): Dec 17th, 7:00pm. Online/Zoom only.

## **Adjournment**

Jessica moved to adjourn at 9:14pm. Cass seconded. The vote passed 7-0-0.