



Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee

P.O. Box 12
Monkton, VT. 05469-0012

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019, 7:00 pm

Attending: John McNerney, Mark Boltz-Robinson, Jamie Schulte
Absent: Peter Dufault
Others: None

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 pm by Mark Boltz-Robinson, with Jamie second

2. Appointment of Committee Chair

Jamie suggested we wait to decide, since Peter was absent.

John noted that there was an open slot still also, perhaps we should review the list of townspeople who had expressed possible interest at the meeting immediately after the Town Meeting in March. He has a list on paper of who was and wasn't interested, just needs to locate the correct pad of paper.

3. Appointment of Committee Clerk/Secretary

Mark asked if we should just table this one also. John suggested we just let both positions rotate for the time being, at least, since there's only four people (of the five slots). Motion made and seconded, unanimous agreement.

4. Town Web site updates - status check

1. Web master requests:

1. Personal e-mails for @monktonvt.com as needed

DONE

2. General forest@monktonvt.com e-mail with group membership

DONE (townforest@monktonvt.com)

3. Addition to Contact Us page

DONE

4. Addition to Boards and Committees Menu (minimum Agenda / Minutes sub pages)

DONE - page is blank - what do we want for content? Mark suggested whatever the mission/objective statement was that led to the formation of the committee to begin with. John said he'd look into what that was exactly.

5. Updates on how other towns accomplished their town forests

Mark - contact from Vermont Forest, Parks and Recreation suggested that at least some towns "got lucky" and inherited lands via one means or another. Contact suggested to talk to Trust for Public Lands and Nature Conservancy among other groups. Also recommended to speak with the county Forester (Chris Olson).

John - some groups are noting a lack of funding for such endeavors.

6. Updates on funding options

1. State grants / programs

2. Federal grants / programs

John will touch base with Trust for Public Lands, and Vermont Land Trust contacts again.

7. Other business

1. John had met with Monica Przyperhart of VT F&W who gave a program on Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage, and a guide to Vermont's BioFinder site.

1. Provided Mark with one copy of the book; Jamie thinks he already has one, is familiar with the site.

2. Some examination of Google Earth with parcels and overlays to get ideas on where something could be done

1. Conserved lands

8. Next meeting date

1. Third Thursdays - July 18, 2019 for next meeting.

9. Adjournment

8:46 pm EDT adjournment by unanimous consent.