



Town of Monkton  
Town Forest Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019, 7:00 pm

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

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mark Boltz-Robinson, with Jaime seconding

2. Appointment of Committee Chair

Committee decided there would be no specific chair for now.

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.

07/18 - Facebook and FPF posts to see who might be interested in joining the committee? Who would be interested?

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

- 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

6. Updates on funding options

a. State grants / programs

John - Bob Heiser from VT Land Trust contacted, he'd be happy to come talk to the committee.

Peter - some difficulty still for conservation funding?

John - Kate from Trust for Public Lands - clean water <something> fund; traditionally for municipal water infrastructure projects; newer concerns for runoff, avoiding stress on the infrastructure. Some zero interest loans can possibly get loan forgiveness if it has impact on water quality.

Community Forest Program - possible lead, Huntingdon

Craig Heindel - came over to the conservation commission last week (Jaime)  
part of the conversation on their town forest - Ferrisburgh, managed from wildlife  
perspective, not so much human. The conservation commission manages it, check every 6  
months. Town seems supportive of it.

Kate - note; figure out what you want to do e-mail from John, don't think small just  
because the budget scares you; funding available for the right projects.

Kate also happy to provide an overview of "here's how other towns that have done it  
recently did it."

Jaime - still need to also start feelers for what the town would want out of it.

John agreed - community event sometime in the fall when schools are in, and folks are  
around

Discussion about input for past endeavors, e.g., ANAC.

2. Federal grants / programs

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

7. Other business

a. John had met with Monica Przyperhart of VT F&W, at an Addison County Regional  
Planning Commission event on Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage, and a guide to  
Vermont's BioFinder site.

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

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

i. Conserved lands

8. Next meeting date

a. Third Thursdays - August 22, 2019 for next meeting; moved to 4th Thursday for August  
for better attendance.

9. Adjournment

8:32 pm EDT adjournment by unanimous consent.