



Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee

P.O. Box 12
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Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2020, 7:00 pm

Attending: John McNerney, Pete Dufault, Mark Boltz-Robinson, Jaime Schulte via phone
Absent: None
Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Jaime at 7:15 pm.

1) Community Values Mapping

- a. Jaime briefed on Conservation Commission meeting from 13 January. They are planning a values mapping session for the town.
 - Had discussion with Jens Hilke to begin planning a values mapping event.
 - a) Should ensure stakeholders are included, with a robust cross-section of people, roles, and views.
 - b) Values mapping looks at what the community considers important about the town, and places within the town
 - c) Small groups working with a large map of Monkton, noting places “valued”: views, farms, recreation, wildlife, historical, etc.
 - d) Each group presents afterwards, to cumulatively build what the town values
 - e) Resultant maps collected, consolidated, and shared. Helps to inform planning, focus; may yield some better ideas on desired areas for a town forest
- b. Jaime walked the committee through what the exercise would look like. A big map of Monkton on the wall. It’s not about “this is a spot for a town forest”, so much as it brings up things the community thinks are important, like “recreation areas are valued”
- c. Mark - what timeframe?
 - School year can be an issue, after school activities can impact participation
 - Do we hold our own event? Does an event help with the Planning Commission, and the UPD after the Town Plan is approved?
 - Pete inquired if the values mapping could be held in April, then a second part in the fall?
 - Jaime noted the Conservation Commission sounded like they could use some help to make it happen
 - John noted school would be in recess 18-26 April; an event should probably be after tax day (15 April), maybe a weekend in May?
- d. John - probably good to try for the gym at Monkton Central School; it can be harder for people to hear at the fire station.
- e. Jaime to check with Conservation Commission and chair Chelsea, they have it as an agenda item for 17th of February

2) Adjournment at 8:02 pm