



Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee

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Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021, 7:00 pm

Attending: Mark Boltz-Robinson, Jaime Schulte, Callie Brynn; John McNerney
Absent: Peter Dufault
Guests: None

1. Call to order
2. Status Updates
 - a. Mark reviewed notes from last meeting and the action items assigned.
 - b. Mark promised to get meeting minutes together for everyone's review, along with a draft for the Town Annual Report submission. John noted that the deadline was typically January, so there would be time to adjust if some breakthrough event occurred necessitating an update.
3. Budget
 - a. The committee discussed what the budget request should be. The Town Forest Committee had not been included in prior budgets, and so currently no funding was available. This shortcoming became an issue in the community values event, whereby the committee split costs out of pocket.
 - b. The committee considered an on-par request of \$200 as the Energy Committee does, but it became clear that a postcard mailer to residents to advise of a 2022 community input event would require closer to \$600.
 - c. John also raised the issue that eventually there would have to be consideration for maintenance of the Town Forest (fencing, signage, etc.), and possibly insurance and liabilities coverage.
4. Funding
 - a. Callie asked about whether ANAC funding was an option for the Town Forest.
 - b. The committee discussed the consideration for a Town Forest Fund. John noted that there may be other ways to get money appropriated via revenue from timber harvests or other forestry products, which were one item voted on in the first community input events.
5. Adjournment