

**Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday 24 July 2024, 6:30 PM**  
**Monkton Town Hall Community Room**

**Members Attending:** Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), John Mejia (Digital Wiz), Jaime Schulte, Steve Parren (alternate), Jessica Demeritt (alternate)

**Members Absent:** Debbie Houghton

**Guests:** Diana and Matt Butler, Brian Morgan

- 1) **Call to order** - Laura called the meeting to order at 6:32PM
- 2) **Agenda changes and Minutes taker** - Jaime will take minutes for this meeting
- 3) **Approve minutes of 7Feb24 and 22May24 meetings:**
  - There was no meeting in June. Our last meeting was on May 22nd.
  - **Susan moved to approve the minutes of February 7th, 2024 as written. Steve seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (6-0-0).**
  - **John moved to approve the minutes of May 22nd, 2024 as amended. Laura seconded.** There was no further discussion. **The vote was (5-0-1) in favor**, with Jaime abstaining (not present at the meeting)
- 4) **Updates:**
  - End at 8:15 or earlier *reminder*
  - Town Forest Update - the project is on track for the purchase/closing to occur in early December.
  - Raven Ridge: parking, conservation & rec - the trails and land survived the recent rains in good shape however The Nature Conservancy has tentatively closed the back portion of the trails for the foreseeable future due to wind damage (many trees down).
- 5) **Planning for aggregate forest projects**
  - Discussed an upcoming project with our guests. Susan recused herself as an interested party in the upcoming project and participated as a community member.
  - Reviewed the project plan template.
- 6) **Organizational roles** - postponed to next meeting
- 7) **New member letter** - postponed to next meeting
- 8) **Celebration for the Linehans** - Jaime to ask Whitney Leighton for an update.
- 9) **Other Business** - none offered
- 10) **Confirm date(s) and locations** (room upstairs or in library)/zoom
  - We are set up for the fourth Wednesday of each month at this time:
    - Wednesday, Aug 28th, 6:30pm
    - Wednesday, Sept 25th, 6:30pm

10) **Review Minutes** - minutes were reviewed

11) **Adjournment** - Steven moved to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjourned at 8:24PM.