

Monkton Planning Commission
Public Hearing on the Town Plan
July 30, 2024

The informational session was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by M. Cargill.

Members Present: Wendy Sue Harper (co-chair), Marilyn Cargill (co-chair), Ivor Hughes, Mike New, Peter Close

Members Absent: none

Visitors: Jaime Schulte, Stan Wilbur, Jessica Demeritt, Kerrie

J. Schulte offered thanks for all the work that has gone into the updated Town Plan.

Comments submitted in writing by Stan Wilbur:
Monkton Town Plan Comments from Stan Wilbur

·Town Administration

- Add Town Administrator
- I don't think school treasurer needs to be referenced in this section.
- Delinquent Tax Collector not elected
- I don't think school moderator needs to be referenced in this section
- Listers not elected/Assessor appointed
- This section could be rewritten and expanded

·Town Operating Budget

- I don't think the school budget needs to be included
- I might suggest two sections, "the town operating budget and the highway budget" and maybe expand

·Cemeteries

- Monkton Ridge Cemetery sits next to the Town Hall?
- Other cemeteries?
 - [Abel Thompson Gravesite](#)
 - [Barnumtown Cemetery](#) *
 - [Beers Cemetery](#) – Layn *
 - [Boro Cemetery](#) *
 - [Carter Cemetery](#)
 - [East Monkton Cemetery](#)
 - [Friends Cemetery](#)
 - [Horan Cemetery](#)

- [Monkton Ridge Cemetery](#)
- [Smith Cemetery](#) – Grange *

* 4 cemeteries maintained by the Town

·Village Regions

- Reference Monkton Ridge Village Designation and maybe include map

·Health and Safety

- Fire Department “the building is also used for town meetings”?
- Fire Department equipment update?
- First Response no longer exist.

Comments submitted in writing from Cindy Wolcott in an email dated July 25, 2024:

I am reviewing the update to the plan . First of all, nice job!

Based on my areas of town involvement, I noticed a few things that may need correction or clarification.

1. Town History (page 11)

"Many of the old-name families in Monkton trace ancestors to many western population centers."

This sentence is confusing, and one might argue, inaccurate. Suggested edit:

Many descendants of old-name Monkton families can now be found in population centers to our west.

2. Library (page 32)

The library's benefactor was Dr. George Russell, not Albert Russell.

See this section of the library's website:

<https://russelllibraryvt.wordpress.com/the-building/>

3. Cemeteries (page 33)

Also, the content about cemeteries is not entirely accurate. It currently says:

"There are currently three in-use cemeteries in Monkton. Monkton Ridge Cemetery sits next to the Town Hall and dates back to 1804. The Monkton Borough Cemetery, on Pond Road dates back to 1816 and the Morgan Cemetery, on Church Street in East Monkton dates back to 1812. There is also the Hurlburt cemetery and the Carter cemetery. The cemeteries are maintained by the Town. According to historic records there are six other cemeteries in Monkton, the earliest of which dates to 1793." As implied by the second paragraph there are nine cemeteries in Monkton. They are listed below, along with what I have been able to determine about governance. I am sure you won't want to include all of this, but you may want to correct the current content in the plan.

Barnumtown (town?)

Beers (Bristol Road) (not sure who oversees it)

Boro - Monkton Boro Cemetery Association, now inactive

Carter - Carter Cemetery Association
East Monkton (East Monkton Cemetery Association)
Friends (Friends-Methodist Church)
Horan (on private land, landlocked)
Monkton Ridge (Monkton Ridge Cemetery Association)
Smith (near the Grange Hall, landlocked) (town?)

4. East Monkton Church (page 36)

The highlighted word should be deleted.

The East Monkton Church association has been an important gathering place for Monkton residents since its dedication in 1867 and is a multigenerational community space today.

The information session was closed at 7:47 p.m. by M. Cargill.

The hearing was called to order by S. Wilbur at 8:00 p.m.

Members Present: Wendy Sue Harper (co-chair), Marilyn Cargill (co-chair), Ivor Hughes, Peter Close, Mike New

Members Absent: none

Visitors: Jaime Schulte, Stan Wilbur, Jessica Demeritt

S. Wilbur read the warning for the hearing: The Monkton Planning Commission will hold a hybrid in-person and Zoom public Hearing at 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at the Monkton Town Hall (92 Monkton Ridge), to take public testimony on the proposed Town Plan. The Planning Commission will discuss and vote on any proposed changes directly after this Public Hearing.

S. Wilbur asked for any testimony.

J. Schulte commented that it was great that the town plan would now include Act 171. There were many pieces that came together and things are in a very good place.

The hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m. by M Cargill.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jessica Demeritt.