

Town of Monkton  
**Conservation Commission**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday August 22nd, 2024  
7:00pm Meeting via Zoom/Phone and in person  
(Approved: September, 26th, 2024)

**Members Present:** Ann Johnston Miller (Co-Chair), Sue Stasny (Co-Chair), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Janet Schwarz, Jaime Schulte

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Steve Parren, Chris Slesar, David Moore

**Call to Order** - Ann called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**Round of Introductions** - Steve Parren and Chris Slesar attended to discuss the wildlife/salamander crossings. David Moore is interested in joining the Commission.

### 1) Regular Business

- a) Reviewed Agenda - Jaime recommended adding approval of our minutes of May 16th. It was noted that the planned June 18th meeting was canceled and MCC members attended a Planning Commission hearing instead. There was no meeting in July. Debra discussed possibly going back to Zoom meetings.
- b) Public Comment –None
- c) Next meetings: September 26th at 7:00pm, October 10th at 7:00pm.
- d) **Debra moved to approve the minutes of May 16th, 2024 as written. Sue seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).**

### 2) Old Business

- a) Morse Park - no new update

### 3) New Business:

- a) Amphibian crossing - Chris and Steve
  - i) Chris and Steve provided an overview of the history of the amphibian/wildlife crossings. Funds were raised for the project, but there was less consideration to how to maintain the crossings. This involves annual mowing with a sturdy weedwacker (bladed) and such. Wild parsnip is a concern at the site for mowing. Chris has been primarily handling the mowing over the past 10 years, but would appreciate help and having the work shift to a group or perhaps the road crew can better manage it over time. The Commission was interested in seeing the crossings maintained. It was noted that we have a lot on the plate of volunteers already, with the various invasive species removal projects and such. The idea of discussing with the Selectboard and road crew was considered.
  - ii) There may be a residual fundraised amount in a town fund for the project that could be used to acquire some equipment. Having a conversation with the Selectboard would be a next step. Jaime will put Sue in contact with John McNerney, to discuss how to approach the Selectboard.

- b) LCA letter of support, boat Steward program
  - i) Ann to send a letter.
- c) Other member concerns/interests - none offered

**Adjournment** - Debra moved to adjourn. All were in favor. Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte