

Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 14th, 2024
6:30pm Meeting via Zoom/Phone
(Approved: TBD)

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

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: David Moore (Monkton), Molly Parren (Monkton; Biologist with VT Fish & Wildlife)

Call to Order - Ann called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Jaime will take the minutes tonight.

1) Regular Business

- a) Review Agenda - Corrected the date of agenda to review to 10/10. Added an update on the Morse Park Management Plan.
- b) Public Comment - none offered
- c) Review meeting minutes of October 10th
 - i) Debra moved to approve the minutes of October 10th, 2024 as written. Sue seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).
- d) Regular meeting: December 12th at 6:30pm via Zoom
- e) Regular meeting: January 9th at 6:30pm via Zoom

2) Other Business

- a) Monkton Rare Species - Molly Parren, Biologist with VT Fish & Wildlife.
 - i) Molly presented regarding two rare species present in Monkton and we discussed the role the MCC can play in helping to protect them.
- b) Wildlife Crossing stewarding / clearing brush
 - i) We met on October 26th and November 9th to clear brush and grass at both wildlife / amphibian crossings. Mowing was completed and the slates at the southern crossing were lifted/moved as they had settled. These provide cover for amphibians moving through the crossings.
 - ii) Members will meet to complete similar slate work at the northern crossing on Sunday 11/17 at 1:00pm.
- c) Residents Brochure - Sue will make updates and resend as a PDF to the MCC.
- d) 2025 Budget Request
 - i) We discussed and populated budget numbers for 2025 into the spreadsheet. Sue will get an estimate for printing the brochure and update the budget accordingly.
 - ii) **Jaime moved to authorize Sue to complete the 2025 budget proposal and send it on to the Select Board by December 10th. Debra seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).**
- e) 2024 Annual Report

- i) Debra will prepare a draft for review at our upcoming meetings in December and/or January.
- f) Training for posting on town website - discussed next steps
 - i) Jaime shared two job aid documents for running meetings and posting agendas/minutes/calendar. More to come on that and Sue will set up a working session with Jaime/Sue/Jan.
- g) Morse Park Management Plan update - final draft was agreed to by both committees. The Rec Committee has forwarded it on to the Select Board and it will be reviewed at their meeting on 11/26. The Rec Committee will be there to discuss it with the Board and we will want representation as well. Jaime, Sue, and Debra will be in attendance.
- h) Other member concerns/interests
 - i) Jaime provided a brief update on the Town Forest project.

Adjournment - Debra moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Schulte