## Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday 11 December 2024 6:30 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

(Approved: 8th January 2025)

Members: Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), Jessica Demeritt (Clerk), John

Mejia (Digital Wiz)(arrived at 6:39), Steve Parren, Jaime Schulte

**Absent:** Susan Mahony, Debbie Houghton

**Guests:** Sue Stasny

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Jessica will record the minutes.
- 3) Jaime moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024 as written. Steve seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.
- 4) Updates:
  - Town Forest Update
    Jaime noted that the public engagement meetings were concluded. He explained that
    there was a lot of public interest since the closing on the Town Forest which resulted in
    many interview requests. There was discussion about a celebration. He noted that the
    next step was writing a management plan.
  - Raven Ridge: parking, conservation & rec, back trails There was no update at this time.
- 5) Aggregate forest projects

There is progress happening with all the projects: surveys, set-asides, and appraisals.

6) 2024 Annual Report (due early Jan)

Laura led the committee through the creation and editing of a draft of the 2024 report.

- 7) Town Meeting
  - The topic will be taken up at a future meeting.
- 8) Operational Guidelines No action taken
- 9) Other business None
- 10) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom
  - January 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
- 11) Reviewed Minutes
- 12) Jaime moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. The vote passed 5-0-0.