

Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 8, 2025 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members: Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), Jessica Demeritt (Clerk), Steve Parren, Jaime Schulte

Absent: Debbie Houghton, John Mejia

Guests: none

- 1) Laura called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- 2) Jessica recorded the minutes.
- 3) Jaime moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2024 as amended. Laura seconded. The vote passed 4-0-1. Susan abstained (not present at 12/11/24 meeting).
- 4) Updates:
 - Town Forest Update
Jaime noted that draft one of the management plan is in progress. He described signage that had been installed for parking, location, and trails. He mentioned some vandalism had occurred. Laura noted that she has a source for metal signage. She also mentioned a source for benches for birdwatching. There was discussion about the process for feedback on the draft.
 - Operational Guidelines - Jaime noted that the guidelines were now in ANAC's hands, to go back to the Selectboard after committee review.
 - Raven Ridge: parking, conservation & rec, back trails
It was noted that the main sign was back up.
- 5) Aggregate forest projects
Progress on each of the projects was discussed.
- 6) 2024 Annual Report (due early Jan)
The committee discussed and edited content for the Town Report.
- 7) Town Meeting
There was discussion about talking points for the meeting.
- 8) Operational Guidelines
no action taken
- 9) Other business
There was discussion about committee member terms and appointments.

10) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom
Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.
possibly Wednesday, February 19
Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

11) Reviewed Minutes

12) Steve moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Demeritt