

Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 3rd, 2025, 6:30pm
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom

Members: Callie Brynn (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Vice Chair), John McNerney, Peter Dufault, Molly Parren, CJ Buzzy, Jessica Demeritt

Jaime called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

- Reviewed Agenda
- Public Comment, up to 10 minutes - none offered
- Review Minutes 1/22/25 - no action taken
- Interim Management Plan
 - Signs, parking, trails, other
No further vandalism, noted Jaime. The forest is seeing use by the public based on tracks in the snow.
- Long-Term management plan
 - Review draft and allowed/restricted uses
Discussed the draft and reviewed management plans requirements by the grantors. There was discussion about the summary, goals and objectives, hunting, foraging, and other uses.
 - Community engagement timeline
The timing for circulating the plan was discussed, as related to progress on the draft and grantor approval.
- Other Updates:
 - Bat fieldwork
There is interest in doing an auditory survey of bats in the town forest this summer.
 - Federal Grant requirements

Jaime will be gathering and submitting a number of required documents.

- Town Meeting Day

The question of when to initially share the management plan draft was discussed. It was agreed that the grantors need to have some time with it first.

- Grant/fundraising

John noted that grants are often available to apply for in the fall.

- OAR Maintenance

There was discussion about reaching agreement between the town and the residents of OAR.

- Set next meeting date

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 pm.

John moved to adjourn at 9:09 pm. The vote passed 7-0-0.