

**Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2025 6:30 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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

Absent: Jaime Schulte, Debbie Houghton

Guests: none

1) Laura called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2) Jessica recorded the minutes.

3) Steve moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2025 as written. Susan seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Laura moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025 as written. Jessica seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

4) Updates:

- Town Forest Update - Jessica explained the upcoming posting and public input session for the draft of the Final Management Plan. The road maintenance agreement is not yet signed, but approved for a year by the Selectboard.
- Raven Ridge: parking, conservation & rec, back trails - no action taken
- 2025 Budget Request - Laura noted that the budget request had been reduced by 50%.
- Personnel - John and Susan will be continuing. Steve and Jessica will be stepping off the committee.

5) Aggregate forest projects - One or two projects may close this year.

6) Operational Guidelines - Jessica moved to approve the operational guidelines as amended. Steve seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

7) Site Visit Form - no action taken

8) 2021 Planning Recs - Full Compilation to Share - There was discussion about how to clean up and share the planning recommendations. Laura planned to share the document with those who were interested.

9) Other Business - none

10) Confirm Dates and Locations

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.

11) The minutes were reviewed.

12) Laura moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Demeritt