

Town of Monkton
Town Forest Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 15th, 2025, 6:30pm
Monkton Town Hall & via Zoom

Members: Callie Brynn (Chair), Jaime Schulte (Vice Chair), John McNerney, Molly Parren (joined at 6:55), CJ Buzzy, Jessica Demeritt

Guests: Jan Schwarz

Callie called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Regular Business:

- Reviewed Agenda - no changes
- Public Comment - no comment offered
 - Alex Smith sent an email - he works with VHA and they have some thoughts on the management plan. They would like to meet with the committee.
- Review Minutes of 4/16/2025
 - **John moved the minutes of April 16th, 2025 as written. Jessica seconded. The vote passed (5-0-0),** with Molly not yet at the meeting.
- Recommendations & Requests
 - The committee discussed Cass Corcoran's interest in the open seat on the committee.
 - **John moved to recommend to the Select Board that Cassandra Corcoran be appointed to the open seat on the committee expiring March 2029. Jaime seconded. The vote passed (6-0-0).**
- New Business
 - Game cameras
 - The game cameras are currently down/removed, so it is a good time to evaluate the committee's use of cameras at the MTF.
 - We are researching alternatives, such as trail counters. We will inform the community with signage if the cameras are put back up for purposes of usage data or security, etc.
 - Proposed work (trails, kiosk/signage, access, potential subcommittee)
 - Cindy Sprague would like to put up a sign about rat snakes on kiosks.
 - Community Celebration
 - Saturday, June 14th - an open house for some hours with walks/tours and food. ANAC would like to contribute some food items.
 - Discussed having two locations (Hardscrabble and OAR)
 - Subcommittee to work on the logistics - John, Jaime
 - Committee positions and organization
 - Callie is open to changing up roles on the committee, including Chair.
 - John, CJ, and Jaime enjoy discrete projects at the MTF. Discussed that we should develop a list of projects that members can work on and engage the public to help us with.

- John has some interest in helping in the treasurer capacity.
 - No change to roles at this time.
- Old Business
 - Kaolin Dam
 - Jaime and John shifted the standpipe back into position and the pond level has come up.
 - The annual dam registration (dam #1056) fee needs to be paid by next week. The committee has a line item for this in the budget and will ask the Treasurer and Town Administrator to proceed. The dam has two owners and we will coordinate with the other owner this time and remind the state of the dual ownership.
 - Grants/fundraising committee - no update
 - Vermont Town Forest Project (Town Forest Census) - no update
 - Federal Grant requirements
 - Final report for the project is due soon after to the federal grant program. Jaime will draft the report and finish it with Callie. The outline of the report was discussed and the committee does not feel the need to see the final narrative and report before it is sent in.
 - OAR Maintenance
 - No update at this time.
- Set the next meeting date(s):
 - Our next meeting will be June 11th 2025, 7:00pm

Molly moved to adjourn at 08:51pm. Jessica seconded. All were in favor 6-0-0.