

**Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission Minutes**

Thursday, 08/14/25 6:30pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

(Approved: 9/25/2025)

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024533800?pwd=QnITb20weWwxTEhuSmZ2RENyR3ZzUT09>

Members: Ann Miller, Debra Sprague, Janet Schwarz, Sue Stasny, (David Moore and Jaime Schulte absent); quorum of 4 members

1. Call to order Ann @ 6:40pm
2. Public comments - none; there was a possible hacking attempt), so Sue restarted mtg
3. Regular Business
 - a. Review Agenda - OK; Added kestrel boxes to Agenda
 - b. Review Minutes of July 08; Passed 4-0-0
 - c. Sept. meeting - 9/11/2025 @ 6:30pm on Zoom
 - d. Set Oct. meeting 10/9/25 @ 6:30pm on Zoom
4. New Business
 - a. Amphibian crossing wall repair and cameras
 - i. Need to set up meeting with Chris Slesar and Laura Farrell
 - ii. Jens Hilke has set up an account for Wildlife Insights
 - iii. postponed discussion to Sept mtg
 - b. UVM student group – capstone project - wait until Spring Semester 2026
 - i. Laura Edling - students in various disciplines
 - ii. Mtgs, deliverables, reports
 - iii. Invasives
 - iv. Pitch day 8/28/25
 1. Value shift in community
 2. Management plan
 3. Marketing & Publicity
 - c. Bobolink project - update
 - i. Sue went to Selectboard
 - ii. presented contract - signed by Selectboard and returned to Bobolink Project
 - d. Winona Lake / Bristol Pond dam discussion
 - i. not really anything that we can do, per Kate Kelly (LCA) e-mail
 - ii. VT state statute already says that it has to be brought up to state standards
 - e. Community Radio - subcommittee
 - i. Need to authorize subcommittee to send David’s letter to the 5-town (Bristol, Lincoln, Starksboro, New Haven, Monkton) Conservation Commissions explaining our ideas for possibly a monthly (each would do 2-3 x per year) show on WVVT
 - ii. Jan will e-mail the MCC members a copy of David’s letter.

- iii. Deb made motion to authorize sub-committee to send letter, Sue seconded-passed 4-0-0
- 5. Members concerns and interests
 - a. Kestrel Box (D. Moore) - Push to Sept. mtg
 - b. Bluebird Houses
 - i. Discussed how to exclude other birds e.g. starlings and swallows from houses
 - c. Monkton Day 8/17/25
 - i. Deb having table for Pollinator Pathways
 - ii. Sue and Jan (afternoon) will help
- 6. Adjourn - Deb @ 7:36pm; Ann seconded

Respectfully submitted:
Janet Schwarz