

**Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes 10/9/25**

**Thursday 10/9/25 - 6:30 PM**

Virtual meeting via zoom

Approved: TBD

Zoom link:

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

Members: Jaime Schulte, Debra Sprague, Janet Schwarz, Sue Stasny, David Moore

Absent: Ann Miller

Guests: None

1. Sue called mtg to order @ 6:33
2. Public comments - None
3. Regular Business
  - a. Reviewed Agenda; added LCA Celebration in Monkton 10/18/25
  - b. Reviewed minutes 9/25/25
    - i. Moved by Deb to accept; Jaime 2nd; Passed (5-0-0)
  - c. Nov. meeting set for 11/13/25 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
  - d. Dec. meeting set for 12/11/25 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
4. New Business
  - a. LCA
    - i. Sue moved to authorize Ann to send a letter of support, once it's updated, for the Lewis Creek Association as written; Deb 2nd; Passed (4-0-0) (David temporarily offline)
    - ii. Annual Celebration - "Mountains to Mouth: An Exploration of the Watershed on Saturday, 10/18/25 from 9am - 3pm
      1. "Field trips" in morning
      2. Lunch and talks in the afternoon @ Monkton Town Hall.
  - b. Amphibian Crossing
    - i. Work sessions - brush removal scheduled - Sunday, October 26th 10am -12noon, and Sunday, 9th of November 10am -12noon
    - ii. Continuation of maintenance discussion was postponed to Nov mtg after we've spoken with Steve Parren.
    - iii. Updates- Nothing from SD Ireland regarding the cement block repair. Further discussion postponed to the Nov meeting..

- iv. Haven't yet received the list of equipment for cameras. Sue will remind Laura Farrell to send the list and links.
  - v. David has seen many snakes still migrating, some alive, but many dead on the roads.
  - vi. The possibility of conserving habitat adjacent to the amphibian tunnels was discussed. Sue reached out to Kate Kelley (LCA) for advice and MCC will contact VLT and Monkton ANAC for information concerning the conservation process.
  - c. Pond Brook Management Plan draft
    - i. Laura Farrell was not present to discuss the Management Plan. Sue will contact Laura to remind her to send her draft to the MCC.
  - d. UVM Capstone project
    - i. Sue presented a PowerPoint "pitch" of ideas to promote community engagement, education and eradication of invasive species (wild parsnip and buckthorn) for Professor Laura Elding's UVM 2026 Spring Semester course's Capstone Project.
  - e. Rodenticide Act- H. 326
    - i. Debra reported that there is nothing to do until the legislature reconvenes.
  - f. Community Radio - subcommittee update
    - i. David heard back from Starksboro, Lincoln, & New Haven, and he will attend their Conservation Commissions' meetings to explain the MCC ideas.
    - ii. Jan reported on an October 8th meeting that Jonathan Corcoran, WVVT radio station organizer, had with Monkton residents. Jonathan talked about the history of the project, fund-raising, timeline until going "live", and solicited ideas for programming.
5. Debra made the motion to adjourn at 7:38pm; Jaime seconded. Motion Passed (5-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Schwarz