

**Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Monday 12/15/25 - 6:30 PM

Virtual meeting via zoom

Approved: TBD

Zoom link:

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: None

1. Ann called mtg to order@ 6:38pm
2. Public comments - None
3. Regular Business
 - a. Reviewed Agenda
 - b. Reviewed minutes 11/13/25: Moved by Deb to accept; Jaime 2nd; Passed (5-0-1) Jan abstained due to missing the November meeting.
 - c. January meeting set for 1/8/26 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
 - d. February meeting set for 2/19/26 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
4. New Business
 - a. Pond Brook Management Plan update - postponed until January after meeting with Laura Farrell.
 - b. Amphibian Crossing
 - i. Purchase of equipment for cameras follow-up. Jaime will look at Laura Farrell's list, buy batteries and get reimbursed by town.
 - ii. Haven't heard from S.D. Ireland regarding the repair of the cement blocks.
 - iii. The possibility of conserving habitat adjacent to the amphibian tunnels was discussed; Jaime will contact Bob Heiser, VLT - Project Manager, to determine the process.
 - c. Community Radio - subcommittee update
 - i. David heard back from Bristol Conservation Commission and they are interested in being involved with the WVVT programming.
 - ii. Next step is a meeting with a Conservation Commission representative from all towns to discuss possible topics.

- iii. Jonathan Corcoran said that WVVT plans on “going live” in April 2026 and that the Conservation Commission representatives could meet at the broadcast center any time that it’s set-up to familiarize themselves with the equipment.
 - d. UVM Capstone project update
 - i. Sue has contacted Professor Laura Elding about the UVM 2026 Spring Semester course’s Capstone Project. Laura sent Sue an email regarding a 3-Part Problem Statement and that the students would come up with possible solutions. Sue will attend the Pitch Day in January.
 - e. Rodenticide Act- H. 326
 - i. Debra reported that there is nothing to do until the legislature reconvenes in January 2026; Jan mentioned that this could possibly be a good topic for WVVT interview with Jen (Bristol CC), since it is a concern for all 5 town’s Conservation Commissions
 - f. MCC Budget - Debra drafted the budget; a motion passed (6-0-0) to accept the budget request, and it will be sent to the Monkton Selectboard.
 - g. MCC role with DRB and MPC (Act 181 impacts) - MCC, in conjunction with the DRB, will draft a GoogleDoc form to be used when an application is being considered by the DRB. MCC will use the form when making its recommendations to the DRB.
 - h. Monkton Tree Management Plan - Jaime will ask Mark Boltz-Robinson for an amended version (with any comments) of the Management Plan draft.
 - i. Morse Park mowing - postponed until Spring 2026.
 - j. MCC in Town Report - discussed Debra’s draft; Jaime moved to approve the Report (6-0-0). Debra will send it to Sharon Gomez.
5. Ann made the motion to adjourn at 7:58pm; Sue seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Schwarz