

**Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

**Monday 1/8/26 - 6:30 PM**

Virtual meeting via zoom

Approved: TBD

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024533800?pwd=QnlTb20weWwxTEhuSmZ2RENyR3ZzUT09>

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

Absent: None

Guests: Steve Pilcher

1. Ann called mtg to order@ 6:31pm
2. Public comments - None
3. Regular Business
  - a. Reviewed Agenda - added Wild Parsnip and Buckthorn removal dates.
  - b. Reviewed minutes 12/15/25 Jaime made a motion to accept (6-0-0).
  - c. February meeting set for 2/19/26 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
  - d. March meeting set for 3/12/26 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
4. New Business
  - a. Pond Brook Management Plan - Report from 01/06/26 meeting.
    - i. Sue, Jaime, and Ann met and organized the comments.
    - ii. They reformatted the document into an outline format using Google Docs.
    - iii. Ann will contact Laura Farrell for the deadline for the Pond Brook Management Plan submission to the Monkton Selectboard.
    - iv. Subcommittee Meeting set for 11:30am on Monday, 1/12/2026
  - b. Amphibian Crossing
    - i. Jaime will purchase 48 batteries for the tunnels' game cameras and get reimbursed from the MCC budget. He will also check with Bill Joos about any funds remaining in original Amphibian crossing budget.
    - ii. Jaime will contact Bob Heiser (VLT) and Sue will set-up a meeting with the subcommittee and Bob Heiser to discuss possibly conserving habitat.
  - c. UVM Capstone project

- i. Sue will attend "Pitch Day" at UVM on Thursday 1/15/26 to describe invasive species problems and possible MCC/UVM partnership.
    - ii. Sue will meet 1/22/26 with students, if the MCC project is chosen
  - d. DRB- GoogleDoc form update,
    - i. Sue and Jaime came up with a draft template to provide the DRB with conservation information on development projects.
    - ii. The timeline was discussed and the plan is to submit the template to the Zoning Administrator and the DRB for comments.
  - e. Community Radio - subcommittee update
    - i. David has heard back from the 5-town Conservation Commissions and will set up a meeting with them and Jonathan Corcoran to discuss programming and topics.
  - f. Monkton Tree Management plan
    - i. Sue sent an email to Mark Boltz-Robinson. He replied that he hasn't yet incorporated suggestions and that he will send the MCC a revised copy when finished.
  - g. Upcoming Wild Parsnip and Buckthorn removal days
    - i. It was decided to repeat the timeframes of prior years.
      - 1. Parsnip - weekly, from early June to mid-July
      - 2. Buckthorn - fall sessions
  - h. Regional Planning Commission
    - i. Debra attended ACRPC meeting
    - ii. Updated work with Adam Lugee (ACRPC) on housing and zoning regulations. Steve Pilcher said that the Arrowwood Environmental Data should be included.
    - iii. Discussion that splitting up ridgeline overlay might be a good idea - natural resource heritage; wildlife corridors; forest blocks
  - i. Membership - Jan will follow-up with Mark Burns to see if he's still interested. New members will be sought at the annual Monkton Town Meeting.
- 5. Ann made the motion to adjourn at 7:58pm; Sue seconded.(6-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Schwarz