

Monkton Selectboard
Town Plan Public Hearing
January 6, 2020 8:00pm

Selectboard Members Present: Anne Layn, Marikate Kelley, Stephen Pilcher, Bill Martin

Selectboard Members Absent: John McNerney

Others Present: Ann Miller, Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Jaime Schulte, Don Gould, Peter Wendland, Wanda Conroy, Sam Burr, Nancy Goodrich, Connie Helms

S. Pilcher called the hearing to order at 8:00pm.

The Selectboard took testimony on the proposed Town Plan.

Betsy Brown - Suggested that the Zoning Overlay District Map be amended to say "current" or "existing". B. Brown also noted that she feels that the word "prohibited" is a very strong word when the Ridgeline District is discussed in the Town Plan and that "restricted" might be a better word. She noted that as of now, in the UPD, anyone who wants to build anything, even a small garden shed, can't, because constructing anything is prohibited in that zone. She noted that she would like to see a little leeway here when the UPD is updated once the Town Plan has been set in place and is afraid the word "prohibited" might hinder that.

Don Gould - The Roads should have nothing to restrict/influence the Selectboard regarding paving our roads. Also wants to make sure we are 100% protected against windmill development. He also does not want to see discouragement or the deterrence of traffic through Monkton.

Ann Miller - Water & Water Resources. Would like to see restriction of taking of water for commercial use. Would like to see some stronger language that protects the groundwater.

Jaime Schulte - Echoes Ann Miller about her comments regarding water. He feels that the taking of water for commercial use is the wrong scale of our town. Also feels that maybe there could be some flexibility for landowners in the Ridgeline district for sheds, etc., but feels that there is a lot of value to protect our ridgelines. He also thinks the Town has put together a good document. Suggests some additional effort should go into maps (ie. wildlife corridors) before we put maps into the UPD.

Hearing closed at 8:15pm.