

Monkton ANAC
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday 15th November 2022
6:30 pm Zoom meeting (100% virtual)

Zoom and Phone info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4988298750?pwd=UVB1T25SUVFoUzI3YjM3Z11BZ3E5QT09>

Meeting ID: 498 829 8750 Passcode: 1762 Phone: +1 929 436 2866

Members Attending: Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), John Mejia (Digital Czar), Whitney Leighton

Members Absent: Jaime Schulte (Clerk)

Guests: None

Laura called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.

1) Approve minutes of 5 October meeting:

- **Laura moved to consider the minutes of October 5th, 2022. John seconded.** There was no discussion. Laura moved to accept the minutes October 5th, 2022. Susan seconded. There was no additional discussion. The vote was (3-0-1) with Whitney abstaining (not present at the last meeting).

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2) Updates:

- ARPA mapping status (Jaime) – tabled until Dec meeting.
- Farm list – review Whitney’s google form – tabled until Dec meeting.
- 2019A Application (Laura) – project is moving forward but will likely close next year (2023).
- Open meeting law – how are we doing? – No updates.
- UPD – Final hearing and decision? – No updates.
- Town Forest progress (Jaime) – Selectboard approved funding for the appraisal.

3) ANAC Budget request for 2023

- Discussed Act 171 related survey initiative. Sending postcards to all town households with a link to an online survey. The committee discussed the postcard printing and postage costs to include in our budget funding request.
- **Laura moved to request \$800 for postcards and postage for an Act 171 related survey. Susan seconded. There was no further discussion. The vote was approved unanimously (4-0-0).**
- ANAC Fund balance. The ANAC fund balance was **\$122,606.24**. The Linehan project (\$6,000) and Town Forest Appraisal (\$4,000), both approved by the Selectboard in October, drew this down to \$112,606.24. Closing for a long term project (referred to as 2019A), totaling approximately \$32,000, is likely in spring 2023, which would draw the balance down to approximately \$80,606. There is potential to augment the 2019A project with an adjacent property, which could draw the budget down close to \$50,000.

- We have been approached by area landowners who would like to aggregate their forest lands into the 2019A project. There is also good potential to contribute to a town forest project. We would also like to remain prepared to respond to any project that has a short timeline, such as the Linehans.
- **Whitney moved to request \$50,000 for the ANAC 2023 budget. Laura seconded. There was no further discussion. The vote was approved unanimously. (4-0-0)**

4) Chris Ajello report (Laura)

Review subcommittee – Jaime, Susan, Whitney, Laura

Next steps – Laura to send edits and thoughts to Whitney for review.

5) Other business

6) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom

- Wednesday December 14th, 2022
- Wednesday Jan 11th, 2023

7) Reviewed Minutes

Adjournment

Susan moved to adjourn. Laura seconded. All were in favor (3-0-0) with John leaving the meeting at 8:30. Adjourned at 9:04pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Whitney Leighton**