

Town of Monkton Conservation Commission

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 19th, 2023

7:00pm Meeting via Zoom/Phone

(Approved:)

Members Present: Ann Johnston Miller (Chair), Nancy Wilson (Vice-Chair), Jaime Schulte (Clerk), Debra Sprague (Treasurer), Janet Schwarz, Sue Stasny

Members Absent: Kesta Osborne

Guest Present: None

Call to Order - Ann called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1) Public Comment

- a) There was no public comment.

2) Regular Business

- a) Reviewed Agenda
- b) July meeting: Monday, July 17th, 7:00pm
- c) August meeting: Monday, August 21st, 7:00pm
- d) Review of April 17th, April 27th, May 15th minutes.
 - i) **Ann moved to accept the minutes of April 17th, 2023 as amended.** Sue seconded. There was no further discussion. **The vote was (4-0-2) in favor**, with Jaime and Nancy abstaining (not present at that meeting).
 - ii) **Ann moved to accept the minutes of April 27th, 2023 as amended.** Sue seconded. There was no further discussion. **The vote was (6-0-0) in favor.**
 - iii) **Ann moved to accept the minutes of May 15th, 2023 as amended.** Sue seconded. There was no further discussion. **The vote was (6-0-0) in favor.**

3) Natural Resource Inventory project status and updates

- a) Discussed the Natural Resource Inventory mapping project that Arrowwood Environmental is working on. The project is on track. Ivor is working on some draft language for the town plan that looks at the major regions of forest in Monkton. Reviewed the more data-based approach to ranking the blocks (based on size, amount of wetland, etc.) that Jaime and Ivor have been working on using Arrowwood's data. That will be shared with the Planning Commission.

4) Ducharme Dam visit review

- a) Sue, Debra, & Ann visit the Ducharme Dam off of Meader Rd. The Vermont Natural Resource Council is looking at options for the dam, including the possibility of removal or partial removal.

5) Discuss - Morse Park Management Plan and meeting with Rec

- a) Still need to update the Plan with changes from the meeting with Rec. Jessica Demeritt has offered to provide some assistance/review.

6) Update on Buckthorn and parsnip removal sessions at Monkton Central School

- a) Buckthorn removal session was held at Monkton Central School - Sat., June 3rd. There is now a large area cleared of buckthorn in the woods adjacent to the playground.
- b) We are planning a series of parsnip removal sessions in June and July. The amount of parsnip seems less than in prior years.

Adjournment - Nancy moved to adjourn. All were in favor (6-0-0). Adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schulte
Clerk