

Town of Monkton Conservation Commission

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 18th, 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

Members Absent: Sue Stasny

Guest Present: None

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

1) Reviewed Agenda - added items of Other Business

2) Regular Business:

- a) Set next meeting dates
 - i) Monday, October 16th, 2023
 - ii) Monday, November 20th, 2023
- b) Reviewed draft meeting minutes
 - i) **Jaime moved to approve the minutes of August 21st, 2023 as written. Ann seconded.** There was no further discussion. **All were in favor (5-0-0).**

3) Natural Resource Inventory project status and updates

- a) There will be a community presentation of the project on Thursday, September 28th, 7:00pm at Town Hall and on Zoom.
 - i) Finished creating an announcement of the presentation for posting online, Addison Independent, and at locations in town. Planned refreshments, etc.

4) Morse Park Management Plan

- a) Discussed next steps. Jaime to complete a draft and include Jessica Demeritt in a review with the MCC before re-sharing the updated version with the Rec Committee.

5) Other Business

- a) There will be an Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions meeting on October 19th. Debra will present about the Tiny Grant awarded to Monkton, which purchased Uprooter tools to remove buckthorn with. We have used these for two seasons now and Debra will share the successful and on-going buckthorn removal project happening in the woods just behind the playground at Monkton Central School.
- b) Scheduling another buckthorn removal session: tentatively October 7th, 9:00-11:00am, weather permitting. Community members are invited to help!
- c) The Addison County Conservation Commission has their annual meeting in Bristol on November 4th. MCC members who can attend will join this session.

Adjournment - Debra moved to adjourn. All were in favor (5-0-0). Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jaime Schulte, Clerk