

**Monkton Agricultural & Natural Areas Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday 11 December 2024 6:30 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Members: Laura Farrell (Chair), Susan Mahony (Vice Chair), Jessica Demeritt (Clerk), Debbie Houghton, John Mejia (Digital Wiz)(arrived at 6:39), Steve Parren, Jaime Schulte

Absent: Susan Mahony, Debra Houghton

Guests: Sue Stasny

1) Laura called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) Jessica recorded the minutes.

3) Jaime moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024 as written. Steve seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

4) Updates:

- Town Forest Update  
Jaime noted that the public engagement meetings were concluded. He explained that there was a lot of public interest since the closing on the Town Forest which resulted in many interview requests. There was discussion about a celebration. He noted that the next step was writing a management plan.
- Raven Ridge: parking, conservation & rec, back trails  
There was no update at this time.

5) Aggregate forest projects

There is progress happening with all the projects: surveys, set-asides, and appraisals.

6) 2024 Annual Report (due early Jan)

Laura led the committee through the creation and editing of a draft of the 2024 report.

7) Town Meeting

- Looks like it'll be Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
The topic will be taken up at a future meeting.

8) Operational Guidelines

- no action taken

9) Other business

- none

10) Confirm date(s) and locations/zoom

- January 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

11) Reviewed Minutes

12) Jaime moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. The vote passed 5-0-0.