

Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 10, 2025

6:30 pm via Zoom

(Approved: TBD)

Members Present: Ann Johnston Miller (Co-Chair), Sue Stasny (Co-Chair), Debra Sprague

(Treasurer), David Moore, Janet Schwarz, Jaime Schulte,

Members Absent: None

Guest: Brandon Benedict, Mark Burns

Call to Order - Ann called the meeting to order at 6:41pm. Sue took the minutes tonight.

1. Regular Business

- a. Review Agenda – reordered topics to address Brandon Benedict’s topic first
- b. Public Comment - none offered
- c. Review meeting minutes of June 12, 2025
 - i. Debra moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2025. Ann seconded.
- d. Set Regular meetings:
 - i. Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
 - ii. Thursday, September 11, 2025 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

2. Other Business

- a. Brandon to talk about UVM student group – capstone project, fall semester - Pitch Day is August 28, 2025
 1. Discussed several ideas to pitch
 2. Community engagement
 3. Beaver dam on Bristol Pond
- ii. Invite Laura Elding to 8/14 meeting
- b. Amphibian crossing cameras – need to set a date with Chris and others who want to be involved; either August or early September
 - i. Subcommittee – Sue, David, Jan
 - ii. Sue will reach out to Chris about scheduling to meet and learn about the cameras
- c. Native plant survey report – Ann shared the report via email – included invasive plant species – didn’t find the plant he was looking for though
- d. Bobolink project – update

- i. Sue will ask Stan to make edits to the Bobolink Project contract and ask the Selectboard to sign it.
- e. Community Radio - subcommittee update
 - i. Jan met with Jon Corcoran and explained the subcommittee with David,
 - ii. Jan and David will reach out to other CCs to participate, ideas for programs.
- f. AVCC mini grant update
 - i. Sue will contact Lisa to establish reporting to fulfil the requirements of the grant
- g. Beaver deceivers
 - i. Discussed draft beaver control policy previously sent to Selectboard and Town Forest Committee
 - 1. Discussion of TFC recommended changes
 - ii. Formed subcommittee for revisions – Sue, Jaime, Ann – Sue will also invite John McNerney and Jessica Demerit from TFC
- h. Member concerns, interests
 - i. Monkton Day is August 17, 2025 - 10:30AM set up begins – Deborah Gaynor organizing.
 - 1. Sue will go and share MCC Brochures, uprooter, parsnip predator
 - 2. Jaime will bring a table and chairs
 - ii. Bristol CC emailed question about beaver dam on Bristol Pond/Winona and possible fundraising
 - 1. Dam on Bristol Pond is owned by VT Fish & Wildlife and is within Monkton boundaries
 - 2. Bristol CC is concerned about the impact on recreation on Bristol Pond
 - 3. Sue will reach out to Kate at LCA and also draft an email for Jaime's input back to Bristol CC to discuss options and plans
 - iii. Announcement on eButterfly training – Monday 7/21/25 10AM – Starksboro has moved forward with this sponsorship and Debra will be in attendance. Debra will put up a posting on FPF.

Adjourn - Sue moved to adjourn at 8:55PM. Jaime 2nded.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stasny