

**Town of Monkton  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes**

**Thursday, 6/11/26 - 6:30 PM**

Virtual meeting via zoom

Approved: TBD

**Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84935177842?pwd=NjJOUUIzNWZKbFB0TElwWHhHL2cyZz09>

Members: Ann Miller, Jaime Schulte, Debra Sprague, Sue Stasney, Janet Schwarz, Chuck Soule

Guests: None

1. Ann called the meeting to order @ 6:35 pm
2. Public comments
3. Regular Business
  - a. Reviewed Agenda; added discussion about Sow killing; Invasives (Knotweed),
  - b. Reviewed minutes of 5/14/26; Ann made a motion to accept as amended; Sue 2nd; Passed as amended.
  - c. July meeting set for Tuesday, 7/14/26 @ 6:30pm via zoom. Beginning with the July 14th meeting, all subsequent MCC meetings will occur on the second Tuesday of each month.
  - d. August meeting set for Tuesday, 8/11/26 @ 6:30pm via Zoom
  - e. September set for Tuesday, 9/8/26
4. Other Business
  - a. Invasives (knotweed)
    - i. It was discussed about setting up a Knotweed removal plan and educating townspeople about Knotweed. Jaime will contact the Monkton Road Crew and ask them to NOT mow areas with knotweed
    - ii. Parsnip Party on 6/12/26 was canceled due to excessive heat.
    - iii. The LCA's website has links regarding invasive species and their efforts to eradicate or control the spread.
  - b. Pond Brook Management Plan -
    - i. Ann, Sue, and Jan met with Kate Kelly on Zoom.
    - ii. Kate agreed to look over the revised Management Plan, when the subcommittee has finished its draft.

- iii. Subcommittee will meet on Monday, 6/15/26 at 12:30 via Zoom
- c. Amphibian Crossing
- i. Laura's still working on a plan for where (external hard drive ?) the pictures will be downloaded and information on the process and analysis of the pictures. Jan will invite Laura to come to our next meeting on 7/14/26 to discuss the images.
  - ii. Chuck Soule volunteered to look at the crossings and possibly mow it monthly.
  - iii. Conservation of adjacent habitat
    - 1. Sue said that John McNerney volunteered to talk with some of adjacent landowners.
- d. Speaker Series
- i. Chuck is working on lining up some speakers for a series of community winter programs (January through May) at the Monkton Town Hall, possibly in collaboration with area Conservation Commissions.
  - ii. Possible speakers: Alicia Daniels, Jane Lindholm, and Jon Mingle.
  - iii. Possibly be audiotaped for WVVT radio conservation program.
- e. Invasives Control gatherings.
- i. Ann and Debra will have the sessions publicised on FPF and the Monkton Community Facebook page. Also on the Monkton Town calendar.
  - ii. "Wild Parsnip Parties"- Morse Park and the baseball field with tentative dates being Friday, 6/12/26, Thursday, 6/18/26, Thursday, 6/25/26, Thursday, 7/2/26.
  - iii. Drinks will be provided by MCC members
  - iv. We will be inviting members of other Monkton committees and commissions to join us for a work session or two; (Sue - Recreation Committee, Jaime - Town Forest Committee, Debra - Planning Commission).
- f. DRB - GoogleDoc form update
- i. Sue constructed the form and gave it a "test run" with information from a past DRB meeting. She will continue to complete the form by our July meeting for future development projects.
  - ii. Debra and Sue talked about the Planning Commission's work on maps and zoning districts. The MPC would like MCC to weigh in

- iii. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).
- g. Community Radio - subcommittee update
  - i. The subcommittee met with the 5-town Conservation Commission delegates on Wednesday, June 10 at 6pm via Teams.
  - ii. Jonathan Corcoran said that WVVT is going "Live" on July 4th.
  - iii. Looking for a name for the "Show".
  - iv. Bristol CC is currently working on a show about Sycamore Park and the flooding of Palmer Court in 1998 which resulted in the land being acquired by the Town of Bristol and the RT 116 bridge being rebuilt.
  - v. David and Jan will meet with Jane Lindholm to discuss interviewing tips.
  - vi. Town Strawberry Festival - Sunday, June 28th
    - 1. MCC will staff a table with the Pollinators Pathways group. MCC members will be available to Monktonians for questions, advice, MCC activities, etc.
- h. Bear Baiting - Sue nominated Debra to write a letter to County Fish & Wildlife Boards advocating the banning of killing mother sows.

5. Jan made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Sue seconded. Passed (6-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Schwarz