

**Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Tuesday, 7/14/26 - 6:30 PM

Virtual meeting via zoom

Approved: TBD

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024533800?pwd=Qnltb20weWwxTEhuSmZ2RENyR3ZzUT09>

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

Absent: David Moore

Guests: None

1. Ann called the meeting to order 6:30 pm

2. Public comments

3. Regular Business

Reviewed Agenda; added discussion about VT Coverts Co-operator Program

Reviewed minutes of 6/11/26/26; Debra made a motion to accept as amended; Ann 2nd; Passed as amended.

August meeting set for Tuesday, 8/11/26 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

September meeting set for Tuesday, 9/8/26 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

4. Other Business

a. Pond Brook Management Plan

i. A draft plan is on MCC Google

ii. Kate agreed to look over the revised Management Plan when the subcommittee has finished its draft.

iii. Subcommittee will meet on Monday, at 12:30 via Zoom

b. Amphibian Crossing

i. Laura's still working on a plan for accessing, analyzing, and storing pictures from the cameras. Jan invited her to the 8/11/26 meeting.

ii. Chuck Soule mowed the south side of the upper crossing; he'll continue mowing as needed.

iii. Conservation of adjacent habitat

1. No update

c. 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. The programs will occur on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month.
 - ii. Speakers for monthly Nature Series.
 - 1. Leslie Ann Dupigny-Giroux (Vermont State Climatologist) has already agreed to speak.
 - 2. Other possible speakers are Alicia Daniels (VT Master Naturalist Program), Jane Lindholm (Monktonian and Vermont Public Radio commentator), and Jon Mingle (Bristol Conservation Commission). They could possibly be audiotaped for the MCC monthly WVVT radio conservation program and interviewed prior to or after their programs.
- d. Invasives Control gatherings.
 - i. Ann and Debra have been announcing the sessions on FPF, the Monkton Community Facebook page, and on the Monkton Town calendar.
 - ii. The last session will be on Thursday, 7/16/26 near the Monkton Park-and-Ride shelter (lower lot at the MCS).
 - iii. Knotweed - Ann attended the LCA presentation on 7/13/26. Sue will ask Kate Kelley about giving a program about Knotweed to the general Monkton community.
- e. DRB/MPC - GoogleDoc form update.
 - i. In collaboration with the Planning Commission, a Sample Management Plan from MCC for DRB to use that refers to State of VT Rules (Vermont Conservation Design), ACRPC, and the Arrowwood Natural Resources Inventory is being developed instead.
 - ii. Debra and Sue discussed the need to identify what is on the property that the Planning Commission is considering for development. The MPC would like MCC to weigh in with advice.
 - iii. DRB needs to enforce the VCD and UPD regulations (Natural Heritage District).
- f. Community Radio - subcommittee update.
 - i. The last subcommittee meeting with the 5-town Conservation Commission delegates was on Wednesday, June 10.
 - ii. Jan informally met with Jonathan Corcoran who said that WVVT was going "Live" on July 4th at the Bristol Parade.
 - iii. We're still looking for a name for the 5-Town Conservation Commissions' "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 hope to meet with Jane Lindholm to discuss interview tips.
- g. MPC - MCC Role in advising UPD
 - i. Act 181 was partially repealed (S.325) regarding the “Road Rule” and “Tier 3”. This will impact deliberations by the Monkton Planning Commission and the ACRPC.
- h. VT Coverts Conservation Training.
 - i. Jan reported on a training session this fall that might be of interest to MCC members.
 - ii. From the Vermont Coverts website: *“Since 1985, Vermont Coverts has offered an intensive 3-day training session on forest and wildlife habitat management for landowners and other people interested in forest management. The program involves classroom and field studies taught by professionals and offers an opportunity to connect with and learn with people who are passionate about these issues. The seminar is free to participants and includes food, lodging and materials. A \$100 fee is required to secure space in the training. This fee is fully refundable at the completion of the 3-day program, though many attendees choose to donate that money to Vermont Coverts to offset the cost of the training. Learn more and register [here!](#)”*

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Schwarz