

**Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Tuesday, 8/11/26

Approved: TBD

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024533800?pwd=QnlTb20weWwxTEhuSmZ2RENyR3ZzUT09>

Members: Ann Miller, Jaime Schulte, Debra Sprague, Sue Stasny, Chuck Soule, David Moore

Guests: Steve Parren

Ann called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

1. Public comments - None. Steve Parren attended as a guest and later participated in discussion regarding the amphibian crossing project.
2. Regular Business
 - a. Review Agenda
 - b. Review minutes 07/14/26 - July 14, 2026 minutes approved (Jaime moved, Debra seconded; passed unanimously).
 - c. Sept. meeting - 8th, 6:30
 - d. Set Oct. meeting - October 13 at 6:30 pm.
3. Other Business
 - a. Bear Hunting Regulation Comments
 - i. Debra reported concerns regarding a proposal to extend bear hunting season through December 15. Motion approved authorizing Debra to send a letter opposing the extension.
 - b. Pond Brook Management Plan – Update
 - i. Work continues and progress is being made.
 - c. Amphibian Crossing – updates
 - i. Steve Parren provided an update regarding deterioration of concrete crossing-wall blocks.
 - ii. Commission discussed obtaining engineering review, project documentation, and use of remaining wildlife crossing funds.
 - iii. Steve will request project documentation.
 - iv. Sue will contact the Selectboard.
 - v. Chuck will seek engineering recommendations.
 - d. Cameras update - Camera Update - No major camera update
 - e. Conserving habitat adjacent to crossing follow-up – no update
 - f. Knotweed - Discussion of knotweed management and roadside mowing impacts on invasive species.

- i. Knotweed Educational Program scheduled for September 22 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Event will be publicized through the Lewis Creek Association newsletter.
 - 1. Sue will verify whether the event may be recorded for community radio.
 - g. DRB/MPC - Google Doc form update
 - i. Members discussed replacing or supplementing the conservation checklist with a sample management plan.
 - ii. Draft of sample management plan - Sue will revise the draft plan and circulate it for review
 - iii. Tier 1B / Act 181 - Members discussed implications of Tier 1B designation. Motion approved authorizing Sue to notify the Selectboard that the Commission does not support Tier 1B participation at this time.
 - h. Community Radio - subcommittee update
 - i. Streaming service launched July 4. Additional content development continues
 - i. Speaker series – Chuck reported progress on future presentations, including a possible pollinator garden program.
- 4. Concerns or interests of members

Debra moved to adjourn, Chuck seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Stasny (Draft)