Town of Monkton
Conservation Commission
Minutes

Tuesday, 10/13/26 - 6:30 PM
Virtual meeting via zoom

Approved: TBD

Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024533800?pwd=QnlTb20weWwxTEhuSmZ2RENyR3ZzUT09

Members Present: Ann Miller, Jaime Schulte, Janet Schwarz, Sue Stasny, David Moore, Chuck Soule
Members Absent: Debra Sprague
Visitors: Steve Parren and Ivor Hughes

1. Ann called the meeting to order@ 6:34 pm
2. Public comments
3. Regular Business
    a. Reviewed the Agenda. Deleted item regarding Speakers' Bureau (nothing to report).
    b. Reviewed minutes 09/08/26. Minutes were amended to delete any discussion about any town activities not pertaining to the Conservation Commission.
    c. Jamie made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Chuck seconded. Passed 6-0-0
    d. November meeting - 10/10/26 at 6:30pm
    e. December meeting - 12/8/26 at 6:30pm
4. Other Business
    a. Amphibian Crossing - updates
        i. Engineer inspection - Steve Perron, Chuck Soule and Ann Miller met with Greg Sellers of STS Engineers. Greg didn't see any structural problems, nor did he think that the crossing tunnel blocks were "so bad". He agreed that the quality between the blocks was probably due to the different pours of the "waste" blocks. It was unknown whether S.D. Ireland had come out to inspect the amphibian tunnel, before offering to give us 56 "new" blocks. Steve told Greg that he'd tried to repair some blocks with quick-setting cement and others with ReCap (it has a bonding agent). It was decided to wait until Spring to do any repair to the affected blocks and have a professional mason to look at it, possibly during MCC "Workday" on 11/7/26, and get an estimate to repair the blocks.
        ii. Conserving habitat adjacent to crossing follow-up.

1. Sue received a notice from Stan Wilbur, Monkton Town Administrator, regarding a VT Fish and Wildlife grant for recreation and land acquisition and she will follow up.
2. Sue also had talked with the A Johnson Co., about their land and they would like to wait for a year.

iii. Wall cleanup date scheduled on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 9:30am - 11:30am

b. Ivor - UPD - CC participation Update
   i. Ivor said the UPD needs to again be updated due to the new Act 181 rulings.
   ii. The Monkton Planning Commission (with aid of ACRPC) agreed with the Arrowwood Environmental NRI - Forest Blocks and Connectivity determined by Pond Brook Management Plan
   iii. Ivor will send the newly updated UPD to MCC.
   iv. Chuck, Sue and Jaime formed a sub-committee to work on the UPD where the MCC needs to provide input.

c. Pond Brook Management Plan
   i. We have received a response from Laura Farrell with her comments.
   ii. Subcommittee will meet to “clean-up” the Draft and finalize copy

d. Community Radio - subcommittee update
   i. Bat program and Japanese Knotweed program were taped and edited by Marianne Eaton from the New Haven Conservation Commission for streaming on the WVVT website (audio) and NEAT TV (video).

5. Concerns and interests of members - none

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Schwarz