

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONKTON TOWN HALL

May 9, 2011- Minutes

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Members Present: John Phillips, Anne Layn, Stephen Pilcher, Terry Cunningham, Peter Norris

Others Present: Charles Roumas, Ken Wheeling, David Layn, Kevin Alexander, Bill Jose

Call to Order: John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Announcements

None at this time

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes

Anne Layn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written for April 25th, 2011. Peter Norris seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Warrants

A/P	5/9/11	#10509	\$10,723.68
P/R	5/9/11	#10509	\$7,707.61

Overweight Permits Approved

- Kennedy Excavation LLC
- Fresh Water Haulers
- Delphia Excavating
- Jim Newton
- Darryl Hayden
- Canopy Timber Alternatives Inc

Old Business

Review Emergency Plan for Approval

David Layn, Bill Jose, and Kevin Alexander were present to discuss the topic. It was noted that the fire department is the designated shelter; which they received grants for a generator, blankets, beds and other supplies. Terry Cunningham noted that the town of Monkton should develop an emergency plan and a contact list of people who can take action in the event of an emergency. Anne Layn suggested the contact list include a person from each area of town. David Layn will speak with Charlie Huzienga about the emergency plan. Bailee Layn will call local agencies to find the high risk population list for the Town of Monkton. David Layn will report back to the Select Board at a future meeting.

Addison County Community Land Trust-Heath Trailer

The Select Board received a letter from the Addison County Community Land Trust. They are concerned about the condition and safety of the Heath trailer. Currently the town of Monkton is the lean holder on this residence; however the town does not own the building at this time. Terry Cunningham noted that the land owners (Addison County Community Land Trust) should be responsible for the safety of land. John Phillips will contact Robin Hopps, the health officer, to discuss the situation.

Town Cemeteries

It was noted that if a town does not have a cemetery committee then the responsibilities fall onto the Select Board. Monkton does not have a cemetery committee at this time. Anne Layn spoke with Candace Polzella from the Historical Society. Mrs. Polzella noted that the Historical Society has a record of who is buried in the town cemeteries; however it does not say where they are buried and if there is any vacant lots in those cemeteries. The Historical Society is still researching the fieldstones. The Select Board discussed the need for a cemetery committee. Anne Layn will write up a mission statement for a cemetery committee. John Phillips contacted Mr. Smith regarding his purchase of a cemetery plot. This transaction will be recorded at the town hall.

Public Audit

Charles Roumas has had trouble getting quotes on a public audit in a timely manner. He noted that the firms are asking for information before giving a quote and the processing is taking longer than expected. Mr. Roumas noted he will be

Review Proposed Zoning Rules/ Regulations

The planning commission is planning to send the Select Board some suggested wording on the zoning rules/regulations. A special meeting will be held on Monday 16th 2011 at 6:30pm with the purpose of reviewing the zoning rules/regulations.

New Business

Zoning Administrator- trash/recycle application

Frank Lossmann spoke with Ken Wheeling about running a garbage drop off program in Monkton. Mr. Lossmann has obtained a hauling license from the Addison County Solid Waste District. Mr. Lossmann is planning a Fast Trash Location. There will not be a container set at a location. Mr. Lossmann is interested in parking his truck at the Tracy farm or the elementary school parking lot on Saturdays. The Select Board members discussed the topic. Safety and traffic challenges were discussed at both locations. Ken Wheeling will discuss the topic with the Developmental Review Board and come back to the Select Board with more information.

Temporary Liquor License

Stephen Pilcher made a motion to approve the one day liquor license for May 20th 2011. Terry Cunningham seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0. Anne Layn abstained as it is for her daughter's wedding.

Flood Damage

The Select Board received a letter from the Natural Resource Conservation Service Board regarding Emergency Watershed Protection Program for eligible public and private landowners experiencing flood damage. The brochure will be posed at the town clerk's office.

Traffic Enhancement Grants

The Select Board received a letter from the department of transportation regarding potential projects. Stephen Pilcher will review the grants and see if any of the projects would be a good fit to Monkton's needs.

F. R Lafayette

The Select Board received a letter from F.R Lafayette regarding their services available to the town road crew. The letter will be sent to Wayne Preston.

Mountain Rd

The Select Board received an unsigned letter regarding a pile of tires on the side of the road on Mountain Rd. It was noted that it is difficult to respond to letters that are unsigned.

Speed Report

Stephen Pilcher requested a speed cart to be set up on the north end of Monkton Ridge. John Phillips presented the Addison County Sheriff speed report for Monkton.

Fire Department

David Layn asked the Select Board about the best way to raise the funds; borrowing money or creating an equipment reserve fund, to expand the fire department or replace fire equipment. It was noted that unclassified funds are frowned on. David Layn asked questions surrounding the use of fund-raised money. John Phillips noted that because the fire department is not a town run organization essentially the money the taxpayers allots to the fire department is a donation; however it is suggested that the fire department get approval from the taxpayers on the use of any funds.

Next Meeting

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Cunningham, seconded by Anne Layn. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Bailee Layn