

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONKTON TOWN HALL

May 23, 2011- Minutes

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

Others Present: Charles Roumas

Call to Order: John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Announcements

The Town Clerk received a call from the Vermont Health Department informing the Town that a rabid raccoon was found on Silver Street.

The Town of Monkton will be soliciting bids for Highway Equipment Fuel.

The Zoning Administrator has issued a Notice of Violation for 387 Wiesenbach Road, a parcel owned by Paul Astle for violation of sections 521, 252 and 561 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Monkton.

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes

Anne Layn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written for May 9, 2011. Peter Norris seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Warrants

A/P	5/23/11	#10523	\$21,732.03
P/R	5/23/11	#10523	\$7,291.57

Overweight Permits Approved

- Douglas Titus – Ferrisburgh
- Gary Moulton – North Ferrisburgh
- Fran Waterman – Hinesburg
- John Cheeseman – Hinesburg
- Jeff Cook – Plank Road Building – New Haven

Old Business

Assessment Policy

Select Board has received a letter from the Listers with regard to questions raised at the previous Select Board meeting. Some discussion ensued as to whether the Select Board has any say in how property is assessed by the Listers. Some members of the Select Board feel that the current policy is not equitable. There are also questions if there is a conflict of interest with members who would or would not be affected by changing the assessments. No action was taken.

Gould Appeal Status

Both the plaintiff and the Town Attorney requested summary judgments which were not granted. The Town Attorney has indicated the courts will rule shortly.

Town Cemeteries

Anne Layn generated a mission statement for a new Cemetery Committee.

Public Audit

Not been formally audited since 2007 when the Town switched Treasurers. The Town is due a public audit and Chuck Roumas as contacted several firms requesting cost proposals. Of the eight firms contacted only two replied with estimates. Chuck Roumas recommends Pace and Hawley in Montpelier which was both the low bidder and most responsive.

Pace and Hawley - 1 year \$8250 – 2 years \$14,000
Fothergill Segale and Valley - 1 year \$11,000 – 2 years \$22,000

Terry Cunningham made a motion to approve Pace and Hawley for a single year at a price of \$7000 with an option for the second year. If the Town elects not to approve an audit for the second year an additional \$1250 will be assessed. Also to include consultant fees not to exceed \$1750. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Proposed Zoning Rules/ Regulations

The Select Board continues to work through the Unified Planning Document prior to scheduling the first public hearing. The Select Board has decided to work through the document section by section. Article III Administration and Enforcement was discussed with only minor changes proposed. One proposed change was rather than have the Zoning Administrator inspect wastewater systems the Town should include the letter of compliance submitted by the State Engineer as a requirement for the Certificate of Occupancy. There was some discussion of what constituted the minimal requirements for a Certificate of Occupancy. The Select Board agreed that another special session is required if the Select Board is going to complete its review in a timely manner. A special session has been scheduled for June 1st at 6:30.

New Business

Next Meeting

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 13rd at 7:00 pm. The Select Board will have a special meeting to discuss the Unified Zoning document on June 1st at 6:30 p.m.

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,
Stephen Pilcher