

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONKTON TOWN HALL

July 25, 2011- Minutes

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

Others Present: Ken Wheeling, Charles Ramous, Harry Hurlburt, Dave Hurlburt, Mike Hurlburt, Josh Hurlburt,

Call to Order: John Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

Announcements

None at this time

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes

Anne Layn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 5th, 2011 as written. Stephen Pilcher seconded it and it passed 5-0.

Anne Layn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 11th, 2011 as written. Peter Norris seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0.

Warrants

P/R	7/18/11	10718	\$8,218.06
A/P	7/25/11	10725	\$43,849.10

Old Business

Hurlburt Property Tax

Josh, Mike, Dave, and Harry Hurlburt were present to request an extension on their property taxes until October. The list of delinquent property taxes was sent to the town lawyer today. It was noted that at this point the Hurlburt's will be required to send their tax money directly to the lawyer. The Select Board and the Hurlburt's discussed ways to keep the fees as low as possible. Kevin Brennan is the lawyer who will be doing the tax sale and his contact information was provided to the Hurlburt's. Harry Hurlburt stated that Roderick Burritt told him he would hold off on sending the Hurlburt properties to the lawyer until the Hurlburt's had a chance to meet with the Select Board. It was noted by the Select Board that the town policy is to not hold any properties back from the process of the tax sale; as it might be perceived as preferential treatment. The Hurlburt's will contact Kevin Brennan to set up a plan.

Zoning Regulations

John Phillips reported to the board that Select Board the time line for the zoning regulation document. Stephen Pilcher made a motion that the Select Board hold the first public hearing for

the zoning regulations on August 22nd, 2011 at 8:00pm. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0.

Emergency Plan

Anne Layn spoke with the Fire Department about the status of the emergency plan. The Fire Department asked questions regarding the town's expectations for the emergency plan and how it would be carried out in a variety of situations. Bailee Layn-Gordon will send out a letter to gather information on the at risk populations in the Town of Monkton.

Sign Replacement Policy

Stephen Pilcher has been working on the location of the road signs in some areas of Monkton. He presented the board with the information he has gathered so far. This is a federal requirement that does not have any federal money to assist in the implementation. Terry Cunningham reported that other Addison County towns are replacing the signs as needed. The Town of Monkton must adopt a sign replacement policy by the end of the year.

Review Fuel Bids

John Phillips was able to discuss the fuel bids with the fuel company owners. Peter Norris made a motion to award the fuel bid to Champlain Valley Plumbing and Heating. Stephen Pilcher seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0. The board will send a contract for Mr. Hefferan to sign that will include the completion of the proper forms.

New Business

Old Town Dump

Stephen Pilcher received a letter from a professor at UVM asking permission from the Select Board to install a wildlife camera in the old town dump. The board agreed with the project. The professor will be contacted to inform him of the decision.

Addison County Community Trust

The Addison County Community Trust sent a letter to the town. They stated that if something wasn't done within two weeks with the Heath trailer; they will destroy the trailer. The trailer is not owned by the town at this time. The Select Board does not condone or oppose the removal of the Heath trailer by the Addison County Community Trust. All Select Board members agreed.

Zoning Administrator- status update

Ken Wheeling was present to discuss the status of zoning issues. The Astile, Brace, and Edwards properties were discussed. Stephen Pilcher made a motion to pursue the Astile case in Environmental Court. Terry Cunningham seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0. Ken Wheeling will move forward on the Astile case.

ROW for Road Crossing

Waitsfield Telecom is requesting to use the right of way to complete work on the lines. Stephen Pilcher made a motion to approve the petition for the Waitsfield Telecom use of the right of way. Peter Norris seconded it and it was passed 5-0. The petition was signed by all board members.

250th Birthday party

Anne Layn reported that the Birthday committee is looking for all the town committees to prepare an activity for the celebration. The meeting for July was canceled; however the August meeting is still occurring as scheduled.

Layn Cemetery

A tree had fallen on a stone in the back of the cemetery. A group of people will try to erect the stone.

Town Hall air conditioner

John Phillips presented the board with a variety of options to air condition the office space in the town hall. Anne Layn made a motion to approve the purchase of a Friedrich air conditioner for \$546.15. Stephen Pilcher seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0.

Bond for the Fire Department

The Fire Department Bond has been refinanced; this will save the town money in the long run. Peter Norris made a motion to approve and sign the refinance letter. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0. The board members signed the bond letter.

Declarations

The state is no longer applying the fine for filing your declaration late. The town is required to apply this fine. Charles Ramous suggested that the topic be tabled until the next meeting so he can look into the issue in more detail. The board members agreed and the topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 8th 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Anne Layn, seconded by Stephen Pilcher. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Bailee Layn-Gordon