

## **MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING**

MONKTON TOWN HALL  
September 26, 2011- Minutes  
Approved 10/10/11

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

**Others Present:** Donald Gould, Ken Wheeling

**Call to Order:** John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Announcements**

John Phillips noted that the Planning Commission wants to meet with the Select Board on October 18<sup>th</sup> during their regular meeting.

Stephen Pilcher noted that the library board has voted to operate in the same way as the recreation committee; everything will go through the town.

### **Regular Business**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

To be completed at the next meeting

#### **Warrants**

P/R	9/26/11	#10926	\$10,421.33
A/P	9/26/11	#10926	\$28,518.47

### **Old Business**

#### **Donald Gould zoning permit**

Mr. Gould was present to discuss his plan to add an accessory dwelling on his property on Piney Woods Road. Mr. Gould noted that he has been dealing with the town lawyer instead of the zoning administrator. Mr. Gould stated that he felt that he is now being given new criteria to follow; which he feels will lead to a denial in his application. Mr. Gould suggested that Select Board should start to follow the process and the communications between himself and the town lawyer. Mr. Gould asked the Select Board if the town is willing to fight him in court if he went ahead and built the accessory dwelling on his property. The Select Board stated that they would not answer that question tonight. Stephen Pilcher stated that the Select Board doesn't control the Zoning Administrator nor the Development Review Board. Mr. Gould stated that he felt the town lawyer took away his rights; and is asking the Select Board to talk to the lawyer. The Select Board asked why Mr. Gould was dealing directly with the lawyer instead of the Zoning Administrator. Stephen Pilcher noted that the correct person to contact would be the Zoning Administrator. Ken Wheeling noted that the town lawyer offered to be the go between to clarify the paperwork. Ken Wheeling stated that Donald Gould initiated the discussion with the town lawyer. The Select Board members noted that Ken Wheeling should be talking to the town

lawyer, not Mr. Gould. Ken Wheeling noted that John Phillips has been apprised of every step of this process. Mr. Gould said that he felt John Phillips may not be keeping the rest of the Select Board members up to date on the communication on this case. John Phillips noted that all the communication that he has received is filed and available to all of the Select Board members at any time. Mr. Gould stated that he would be willing to withdraw his current application and re-submit a new application. Ken Wheeling noted he would have to check with lawyer to see if that is possible and what are the ramifications of withdrawing the current application. There are several questions on the definitions and specifications on the current permit. Ken Wheeling will contact the town lawyer regarding this matter and report his findings back to the Select Board and Mr. Gould.

### **Emergency Plan**

John Phillips will talk with Charlie Huizenga about the emergency plan. Bailee Gordon will contact local service agencies to aid the town in identifying people who may need assistance.

### **New Business**

#### **Blanchard Curb Cut**

John Phillips reported that a neighbor of the Blanchard property voiced his concerns about the curb cut.

#### **Appoint Agent to Deed Real Estate**

Stephen Pilcher nominated John Phillips to deed real estate for the tax sale this fall. Anne Layn seconded the nomination and it was passed 4-0.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Cunningham, seconded by Stephen Pilcher. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bailee Layn-Gordon

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