

## **MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING**

MONKTON TOWN HALL

October 24, 2011- Minutes

Approved: 11/14/11

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

**Others Present:** Donald Gould, Thea Gaudette, Peter Close, Marsha Abramo, Philip Russell

**Call to Order:** John Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

### **Announcements**

None at this time

### **Regular Business**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Terry Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting as amended. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Warrants**

P/R	10/24/11	#11024	\$8,998.81
A/P	10/24/11	#11024	\$28,425.68

#### **Overweight Permits Approved**

David M. Newton, INC

T& C trucking LLC

### **Old Business**

#### **DRB Clerk Compensation**

Peter Close, Philip Russell, and Marsha Abramo were present to discuss the DRB clerk compensation. It was discussed among those present. Terry Cunningham made a motion to suggest an increase to \$16 per hour as of October 1<sup>st</sup> for the DRB Clerk. The motion died as of a lack of a second. Peter Norris made a motion to accept the DRB proposal of \$20 per hour as of October 1<sup>st</sup> for the DRB Clerk. The motion died as of a lack of a second. Anne Layn noted that it is important to remember that this action will take precedent. Mrs. Layn noted that this may not be the time to increase the Clerk's compensation; it should be part of next year's budget so it can be voted on at Town Meeting. Peter Norris made a motion to support the pay increase of the DRB clerk up to \$20 per hour recognizing the potential need to exceed the DRB's budget. The motion died due to a lack of a second. Terry Cunningham noted that there is evidence that the DRB clerk's job description has changed in the recent months. Peter Norris made a motion to increase the DRB Clerk pay to \$16.50 per hour as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Terry Cunningham seconded the motion and it was passed 3-1.

### **Review Planning Grant Application**

Thea Gaudette was present to discuss the grant application. She noted that the grant is focusing on economic development in the town of Monkton. The grant is for \$8000; which does not require a town funded match. The Select Board and Mrs. Gaudette discussed the highpoints of the proposed grant. Anne Layn made a motion to approve the resolution for the municipal planning grant. Peter Norris seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. All present Select Board members signed the resolution.

### **DRB Alternate**

Philip Russell, Marsha Abramo, and Peter Close were present to discuss the use of the alternate for the DRB. Philip Russell stated that if a DRB member is absent for one meeting, the alternate will take their place for the entire process. This can cause the member to have no vote for several meetings in a row; and could affect the perception of their value as a member. Mr. Russell also noted that there is a waiver in place to allow the absent member to continue in the process. Peter Norris noted that the Select Board is more than willing to discuss the use of the alternate. The Select Board requested that the DRB create their own policies regarding the DRB alternate.

### **Zoning Regulations Revisions**

John Phillips presented the members with the notes from the meeting with the Planning Commission regarding the zoning regulations revisions. It will be reviewed by the members and discussed at the next meeting.

### **Timeline for Vote on Zoning Regulations**

John Phillips presented the Select Board members with a clarification of the zoning regulation timeline from David Rath. It was discussed among those present; it will be discussed further at a future meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Donald Gould**

Mr. Gould was present to discuss his subdivision. He stated that the rules were known by Ken Wheeling and the town's lawyer. Mr. Gould stated that he felt that John Phillips came into the DRB meeting and notified the DRB that they must follow the new regulations and that affected his abilities to subdivide his land. John Phillips noted that the Select Board did not ask the town lawyer about this until now; therefore the lawyer could not have advised the board. Mr. Gould stated that the announcement seemed to be very close to when he was to hand in his application for a subdivision. The board reported that this was discovered and the DRB had been notified before the announcement on the October 11<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting.

#### **Meader Rd**

Wayne Preston received a call from a town resident requesting that the town crew plow Meader Road; a class 4 road. The Select Board stated that class 4 roads are not plowed by the town crew.

### **FEMA**

The town crew assisted with some flood relief work for the towns of Hancock and Rochester. The town crew would like the town of Monkton to donate the funds reimbursed from FEMA for their time, materials, and use of equipment back to Hancock and Rochester. The Select Board members agreed to donate the funds to the towns.

**PACE**

There is a meeting on Thursday night; John Phillips will attend the meeting.

**Health Plan**

Anne Layn will request that the VLTC representative for the Health Insurance attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the Health Plan.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Anne Layn, seconded by Terry Cunningham. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bailee Layn-Gordon

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