

## **MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING**

MONKTON TOWN HALL  
December 12, 2011- Minutes  
**Approved:** 12/19/11

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

**Others Present:** Ken Wheeling, Pete Aube, Stephanie Murray, Charles Roumas, Bob Whalen, Paul Low

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

### **Announcements**

None at this time

### **Regular Business**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Stephen Pilcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting as amended. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Warrants**

A/P	12/5/11	#11205	\$21,617.53
P/R	12/1/11	#11205	\$7,784.69
A/P	12/2/11	#11202	\$2,340,857.84

### **Old Business**

#### **Alternate Position Terms**

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Health Plan**

Stephen Pilcher presented information regarding the health plan for town employees. The plan that was used in 2011 will not be offered in 2012; therefore the Select Board needs to select a new health care plan. The available plans were reviewed and discussed among those present. It was noted that the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan is the most comparable to what they currently have. Peter Norris made a motion to adopt the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0.

#### **Zoning Regulations**

Stephen Pilcher obtained the updated Important Resource Areas and Wildlife Habitat map; which will be added to the Zoning Regulations. The Hearing will be held at the Monkton Fire House on January 12, 2012 starting with the informational meeting at 7:00pm; directly followed by the evidentiary hearing at 8:00pm.

## **Budget Review**

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Audit for 2011**

Charles Roumas was present to discuss the audit from 2010. He stated that most lending institutions require an audit of two years back to back to qualify for funding. Stephen Pilcher made a motion to approve the spending of additional money of \$7,000 for a 2011 audit in 2012 by Pace & Hawley. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0.

### **Culverts for Monkton Rd**

Wayne Preston is trying to shift \$175,000 in grant money from the Hurlburt Rd. project to the Monkton Rd. project. The current estimate is \$300,000 for the Monkton rd. project. This will be discussed further as more information becomes available.

### **Zoning Administrator Update**

Ken Wheeling was present to discuss current zoning activity. This was discussed among those present. It was noted that it is important to provide a concrete and measurable description of what is expected when sending a notice of violation.

### **Recreation Committee Budget Presentation**

Some members of the recreation committee were present to discuss the proposed budget for 2012. The committee reported that the expenses for mowing could increase in 2012. They are also planning to repair walking paths, the bank near a playing field at Morse Park, and extend the parking lot.

### **Hardscrabble Goat Farm**

The Select Board received a letter from a concerned neighbor regarding the waste water run-off from the milking parlor of the goat farm on Hardscrabble rd. John Phillips will contact someone from the Vermont Department of Agriculture regarding the run-off issue.

### **Email Policy**

Stephen Pilcher reported that all electronic data may be considered public records subject to disclosure under Vermont Public Records. Mr. Pilcher proposed that the town officials have email accounts for conducting town business. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **Energy Committee**

There was an ad placed in the Addison Independent regarding the creation of the Energy Committee. The Select Board received two letters of interest. They will continue to accept the letters of interest until December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **Vergennes Area Rescue Squad**

The Vergennes Area Rescue Squad is requesting that the Town of Monkton sign a contract for services. John Phillips will contact them for more information.

## **Next Meeting**

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Norris, seconded by Stephen Pilcher. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bailee Layn-Gordon

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