

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONKTON TOWN HALL
December 19, 2011- Minutes
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Members Present: John Phillips, Stephen Pilcher, Peter Norris, Terry Cunningham

Others Present:

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

Announcements

None at this time

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes

Stephen Pilcher made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12th, 2011 meeting as amended. Peter Norris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Warrants

P/R	12/19/11	#11219	\$15,864.49
A/P	12/19/11	#11219	\$34,533.89

Old Business

Alternate Policy

John Phillips presented a sample policy for the use of alternates. The sample policy was discussed among those present. John Phillips will send the sample policy to the DRB for their feedback.

Energy Committee Appointment

Charles Huizenga and Wendy Sue Harper have shown interest in being part of the energy committee. Stephen Pilcher nominated Charles Huizenga and Wendy Sue Harper to the newly formed energy committee. Terry Cunningham seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0.

Emergency Plan

John Phillips attended the county road commissioner meeting. At that meeting it was noted that all the road commissioners have informal plans in the case of an emergencies; however very few towns have a clearly stated formal plan. Charles Huizenga has resigned as the emergency coordinator. John Phillips suggested someone from the Select Board, Fire Department, and the Road Commissioner to revise the emergency plan. Peter Norris made a motion to appoint a group of three people from the Select Board, Fire Department, and Road Crew to review and revise the emergency plan. Terry Cunningham seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0. It was noted that the health officer and the town services officer could also be helpful in creating the emergency plan.

2012 Budget Preparation

The timeline for meeting with the necessary committees/ boards was discussed. The January 9th meeting will begin early to make sure there is time to review budgets and meet with some of the boards/ committees. John Phillips will create an agenda with times as a guideline.

Monkton Road Culvert Project

Chris Salacear was present to discuss the timing of the Wildlife Crossing and the Monkton Rd. culvert replacement. The town would like both projects to be completed at the same time to decrease the impact to traffic. The Wildlife Crossing is currently still fundraising to close the funding gap. The challenges and benefits of coordinating two projects were discussed. Chris Salacear will talk with Wayne Preston regarding the timing of the two projects.

New Business

Flag Project

Most towns in Vermont have their own flag; Monkton does not. A flag design contest is part of the 250th Birthday for the town. The project was discussed by those present.

Dog Kennel

John Phillips presented the board with information regarding pricing for the construction of a dog kennel. The estimate to build a town kennel was much higher than expected. John Phillips and Peter Norris will look into other options and report back to the Select Board.

Vergennes Rescue

John Phillips reported that the Vergennes Rescue contract was sent out by mistake. The Vergennes Rescue will be sending out a request for a donation.

Next Meeting

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

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

Respectively Submitted,
Bailee Layn-Gordon