

## **MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING**

MONKTON TOWN HALL

February 27, 2012- Minutes

Approved March 26, 2012

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

**Others Present:** Charles Roumas, Amy Moody, Alyssa Charboneau, Natalie May, Sam Burr, John McNerney

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

### **Regular Business**

#### **Warrants**

P/R	#20227	2/27/12	\$11,545.09
A/P	#20227	2/27/12	\$26,021.00
A/P	#20220	2/27/12	\$13,177.52

#### **Over Weight Permits Approved**

- J. Hutchins, Inc.
- D&F Excavating & Paving, Inc.
- Little Valley Landscaping
- Pike Industries Inc.
- S.B. Collins, Inc.
- Parent Construction Inc.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

This will be done at the next meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Town Meeting Preparation**

Charles Roumas was present to discuss the Treasure's report in preparation for Town Meeting. This was reviewed and discussed among those present. It was noted that the report was very easy to follow and the footnotes were very helpful when understanding the changes when comparing it to last year.

#### **Recycle Center**

Amy Moody (4-H leader), Alyssa Charboneau, and Natalie May (officers of the Monkton Maples 4-H group) were present to discuss the recycling center and some of the needs of the area. The storage shed was broken into, which resulted in damage to the door frame and the door. The 4-H group was requesting funding to replace the frame and a door that is lockable. Terry Cunningham made a motion to approve the funding not to exceed \$500 to replace the door. Stephen Pilcher seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0. The 4-H group will find someone to replace the door and send the estimate to the Select Board. The 4-H group also asked if the bus

could be placed somewhere else; as it gives the impression that dumping is allowed in that area. It was noted that the Fire Department plans to move the bus when they are finished using it for training. It was suggested that a sign with hours and a statement regarding dumping trash be posted in the recycle area.

### **Vaughn Court Update**

Stephen Pilcher updated the Select Board members on the Vaughn Court Trailer Park. There is a trailer that had been partially deconstructed since last summer. Mr. Pilcher has been in contact with Addison County Land Trust, who owns the trailer park, to remove the remains of the trailer. There has been minimal response from Addison County Land Trust. It was noted that it is the responsibility of the Addison County Land Trust to maintain the trailer park including the remains of dismantled trailers. Mr. Pilcher will draft a letter to the Addison County Land Trust and send it around to the other Select Board members to review.

### **New Website Update**

Stephen Pilcher reported that the new website design will be live in the next day or two.

### **Culvert Grant Update**

John Phillips reported that he met with a representative from the Agency of Natural Resources; which was very informative and beneficial. Together they were able to create a scope of work for the Monkton Rd project to insure that all the bids are equal. The scope of work will be sent to all the companies who submitted a bid. It was noted that the wildlife crossing project is behind in their fundraising and may not be able to begin construction in sync with the culvert project. The Select Board discussed if the scope of work should include closing the road or keeping it open. John Phillips will research the cost difference and report back to the board.

### **New Business**

#### **Tree Cutting Request- Meader Swamp Area**

The board received a request from a woman who wants to cut up downed trees in the town owned land in Meader Swamp. That section of town involves class two wetlands; which have very strict guidelines for what is allowed. This request will be denied.

#### **Town Flag- Funding Request**

The board received a request regarding the town flag project. They requested funds to have the town flag printed in time for the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Stephen Pilcher made a motion to approve the funding of the town flag not to exceed \$355. Peter Norris seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

#### **Prime Ag Soil Protection**

Peter Norris presented the board with information regarding the protection of prime agriculture soil. Mr. Norris suggested the town use ANAC as a vehicle to encourage developers to maintain open land and viewscapes in town. It was noted that the PUDs do not add a lot of incentives for developers to participate in a PUD verses a traditional development. Sam Burr stated that there could be ways to increase the incentives to preserve open land; however that process has to be created. This topic will be discussed further at a future meeting. Sam Burr noted that the planning commission should also be involved in this discussion.

### **Muskrat Trapping on Rotax Rd**

The board received a request to trap muskrat on Rotax road near the Pond road intersection. It was discussed and decided that the request would be accepted.

### **DRB Lawyer**

The DRB will be requiring a lawyer for a case before them. The DRB is looking for guidance on selecting a lawyer and the use of that lawyer. The DRB would like to have the lawyer present during the hearings. Sam Burr noted that the 1985 zoning regulations are not up to date on the state regulations and it would be helpful to have someone present during the hearings. This was discussed among those present. The Select Board will support the DRB in interviewing and selecting a lawyer.

### **Road Crew Letter**

The board received a letter from Marcel Cousino regarding the cost of living raise for 2012. John Phillips will draft a letter to the road crew regarding this topic.

### **Waitsfield Telecom Pole Permit**

The board received a permit from Waitsfield Telecom to replace a pole near the Church Road intersection. The Select Board members signed the permit.

### **ANAC**

Sam Burr and John McNeerney were present to discuss an application for the appraisal of the Orb Weaver Farm. This appraisal is a joint effort with Vermont Land Trust. Mr. Burr requested the Select Board support the use of \$300 of ANAC funds for the appraisal. The land owners are also contributing some funds towards the appraisal. The ANAC board voted in favor of funding \$300 towards the appraisal. Stephen Pilcher made a motion to approve the spending from the ANAC budget of \$300 towards the appraisal of the Orb Weaver farm; not to be considered a precedent setting action. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Stephen Pilcher, seconded by Anne Layn. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bailee Layn-Gordon

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